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## 40 more to contest

Assembly employees called back



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**FORTY-ONE** candidates registered yesterday for the 10-term National Council elections raising the number of hopefuls to 142. Among the candidates are ten ex-parliament members: Barak Naser Al Noon Bous Hiyata, Ayed Alobous Al Aremi, Hadi Hayel Al Howila Al Ajmi, Minazel Jasser Al Inan, Abdul Aziz Fikash Al Massi, Abd Al Ibrahim Al Mawash, Fayed Hamad Al Boushali, Al Rasheed, Moustafa Mousa, Naser Al Shalabi, Hmoud Naser Al Jaber and Mohamed Mufriji Al Mousa.

Until yesterday no candidates for Faiths have filed their applications while three candidates standing election for Rowda submitted their papers. Nobody had registered for this constituency in the first two days.

Abd Al Ismail Sabahani for Qadisha withdrew from the upcoming elections.

Well informed sources told the Arab Times that the Civil Service Commission has called 300 former National Assembly employees to resume the duties of managing the new council's affairs.

Those employees were loaned to

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Century Babe

A former Australian beauty queen with an allergy to 20th century chemicals has given birth to a baby in a porcelain bubble she calls home.

Debra Paolito, 26, was in 1988 diagnosed as having an "environmental illness" which caused her to faint and vomit when she smelt chemical vapours given off by modern materials like plastics.

"It's not too often people suffering from this condition have babies," Christian said by telephone. "I'm undisclosed address. 'Most of the sufferers are older people although most of the younger ones seem to be Australian for some reasons' (Reuter wirephoto)

## Post or pillar?

**COLOMBO**, May 2, (Kuna): A senior government minister has warned he will quit his office if he fails to flush out errant local employment agents who have been accused of cheating Sri Lankans wishing to go abroad for employment.

Labour and Social Welfare Minister, Gamithi Premachandra, told a meeting held early this week and attended by all local licensed job agencies the activities of these unscrupulous agents was a slur on the government, an official at the ministry said today.

"The minister pointed out that many poor Sri Lankans have been cheated by some job agents," the official said.

### Opec talks begin

**GENEVA**, May 2, (UPI): Opec oil ministers began emergency bargaining today on sharing production cuts as the only way to bolster prices and maintain the 13-member group's credibility.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh, last to arrive for the oil ministers' talks as he entered the conference hotel. "My feeling is that the atmosphere is very positive." (See Page 15)



His best shot

**ROBERT QUITO**, a Filipino journalist, falls to his knees on Tuesday after he was hit in the head by a truncheon of riot troops battling rock-throwing demonstrators outside the US Clark Air Base north of Manila. The demonstrators were part of a Labour Day rally against US military bases in the country. (Reuter wirephoto)

## UK arrests 7 super-gun executives

**LONDON**, May 2, (AP): Customs officials have arrested seven executives from two British companies under investigation for allegedly selling parts of a "super gun" to Iraq, the Customs and Excise Department said today.

Fourteen executives from the two firms, Sheffield Forgemasters, Ltd. and Water Sisters Ltd., were picked up yesterday for questioning.

"Seven men have been arrested, were detained overnight and are continuing to assist with inquiries. The other seven were released, one of whom will return today (Wednesday) to give further assistance," said a customs spokesman.

Eight giant tubes manufactured by Sheffield Forgemasters were seized by British customs officers on April 12 at the port of Middlesbrough and military experts later said they could be used as the barrel of a giant gun.

The Iraqi government and the company have said they were intended for a petrochemical plant.

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## Benazir to India

## We'll talk

**ISLAMABAD**, May 2, (Reuter): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said today she was ready to talk with India about the Kashmir question that has raised the spectre of another war between them.

But she repeated Pakistan's view that India was denying the people of Indian Kashmir the right to self-determination.

Benazir told a news conference she was ready at any time to meet Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh to discuss the issue which stems from a Muslim secessionist revolt in India's Jammu and Kashmir state.

"In fact we would welcome a dialogue on this issue because we feel the entire normalisation process between India and Pakistan is shadowed by the dispute over Kashmir," she added.

Benazir speaking at a joint news conference with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Toshiaki Kaifu, denied Pakistan was fuelling the uprising by arming and training militants.

"I would like to categorically repudiate the allegation which is being made that Pakistan is arming, training or giving military assistance to the freedom fighters in Kashmir," she said.

But she said at another point: "Present tension has risen because the people of Kashmir have been denied self-determination. That denial comes from the side of India."

Benazir welcomed, however, her Indian counterpart's, offer to match and exceed any Pakistani effort to reduce the threat of a war.

"I would like to state my appreciation of this statement and also like to reciprocate the sentiments," she said.

Kaifu, who has strongly urged both sides to resolve their dispute over Kashmir in a five-nation South Asian tour, emphasised the need for regional stability.

"Japan shall support political stability and economic prosperity in South Asia through dialogue and co-operation," he told reporters.

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**Attempt to delay freedom denied:** A former adviser to President Ronald Reagan denied on Tuesday that the Reagan-Bush campaign sought a delay in the release of 52 American hostages in Iran to help win the 1980 election.

Richard V. Allen, who was the senior foreign policy adviser for the 1980 Reagan presidential campaign, testified in the perjury trial of self-proclaimed secret agent Richard Bremner.

Bremner has been charged with lying to a federal judge about claims he made during a bank fraud trial in Denver in 1988. At the trial, Bremner testified that he had worked for more than 18 years as a CIA contract agent. (UPI) \*\*\*

**Algerian alliance:** Five centrist opposition parties in Algeria have formed an alliance to support each other during the country's first free elections set for June, party officials said today.

Abderrahmane Adjid, president of the Social Democratic Party (PDS), told Algerian Radio the five parties would "work for the same political, economic and social orientations" and others were welcome to join. (Reuter)

**Military recapture village:** Fifteen Muslim zealots were buried today at a sleepy Egyptian village which Islamic militants ruled for three days until it was stormed by para-military police.

Security forces fought a three-hour battle on Monday to recapture Manshiet Al Kahla, a village of 30,000 in Al Fayoum oasis southwest of Cairo, from about 100 young fundamentalists. (Reuter)

**New Hungarian head of state:** Hungary's first post-communist parliament yesterday chose a head of state a writer jailed for six years after the 1956 uprising, crowning the country's peaceful transition to Western-style democracy.

Jozsef Gortz, 68, was elected speaker and as such assumed president of the republic in place of Matyas Szabo, the outgoing ruling Socialist Party, which was founded to succeed the Communist Party last October. (Reuter) **Earlier Report Page 4**

**Kabul lifts emergency**

**ISLAMABAD**, May 2, (Reuter): Afghan President Najibullah has ordered that a state of emergency giving special powers to his Soviet-backed government will be lifted on Friday, the official Kabul radio said today.

The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, said this would restore to Parliament the powers delegated to the cabinet after the withdrawal of Soviet forces in February 1989.

The decree means to "pave the way for a speedy implementation of national reconciliation, create better understanding and enable political forces to take maximum participation in the country's affairs," it said.

The announcement was made just two days after a spokesman from the ruling People's Democratic Party said the emergency would end on May 20 as part of a three-stage peace plan.

### Still smilin'

**OSKAR LATONIAINE**, the West German opposition's candidate for chancellor almost killed in an assassination attempt, left hospital on Wednesday with doctors recommending that he gives campaigning a rest.

Leaders of the Social Democratic Party have said the 46-year-old Saar state premier, stabbed in the throat in a campaign rally last week, will return to the campaign trail to lead the drive to unseat Chancellor Helmut Kohl in December elections.

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by the neighbouring Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Islamabad denies the charge.

The second killing occurred in Srinagar shortly after 10 am. Police said militants shot Ghulam Muhammad Majid, an employee of the National Conference, the discredited former ruling party of Jammu and Kashmir state, in front of his house.

He was taken to a local hospital, where he later died from his wounds.

In a separate incident in Srinagar, witnesses said snipers opened fire on a Kashmir University professor, identified only as Wajahat. He was rushed to a hospital for treatment.

Police said militants were responsible for the shooting.

but offered no motive or further details.

India's most powerful Hindu political party called today for attacks on camps inside Pakistan training Kashmiri militants unless Islamabad closed them.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Lal Krishna Advani said India must tell Pakistan to close the camps, said to be the training grounds for militants sent into Indian Kashmir to spread secessionist violence.

"If Pakistan fails to do so, India has every right to strike at these camps under internationally accepted norms," Advani told a rally of party workers in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh has called on

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## Court orders to continue curfew in Kashmir; BJP calls for cross-border raids

**SRINAGAR**, May 2, (Agencies): The supreme court today stayed a lower court order for a termination of curfew in the Kashmiri valley, where separatist violence left two people dead and two others injured, police and witnesses reported.

Police said a bystander identified as Makhan Lal was shot dead during a gunbattle between militants and security forces (day after) in Anantnag, 30 miles (50 km) south of Srinagar, the Jammu and Kashmir state summer capital.

Another bystander, identified as Poshkar Nath, was injured and taken to a hospital for treatment, police said.

The fighting erupted when militants opened fire on a central reserve police force patrol in the Chini Chowk area

# Marhaba Mubarak

Assad greets Egyptian leader

**DAMASCUS**, May 2, (Agencies): Hosni Mubarak, in the first visit to Damascus by an Egyptian President in 12 years, met today with President Hafez Assad for talks that included Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel and efforts to reconcile Iraq and Syria.

Mubarak was greeted by a crowd around Damascus airport waving Syrian and Egyptian flags.

The two leaders, who ended their rift last December, went straight into two hours of talks at the presidential palace, then had a second round of talks later.

Arab diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Assad briefed Mubarak on his recent talks in Moscow with Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, including the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel.

Israeli officials expect tens of thousands of Soviet Jews to arrive in the next few years. Arabs fear many of them could be settled in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has made known its willingness to host an Arab summit to discuss the Soviet Jews issue but the party has been held up by several hitchs, especially a bitter feud between Iran and Syria.

Mubarak would like to help heal the rift between the two countries, meditated by rival wings of the Arab Baath Socialist Party. But there have been few signs that such a reconciliation is imminent.

Still, the Arab diplomatic sources said Mubarak carried to Damascus a "paper" as a blueprint for a rapprochement.

They said it proposed a meeting in Cairo between the Syrian and Iraqi foreign ministers in the presence of Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid, as a starting point for dialogue.

Abdel-Meguid said in Damascus

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Kaifu in Pakistan

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto stand for a military guard of honour at Islamabad's airport on Wednesday. Kaifu arrived in Pakistan for a two-day official visit. (Reuter wirephoto)

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# 'Japanese firms paid off Marcos'

NEW YORK, May 2, (UPI): Several Japanese companies paid off Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos with millions of dollars from Tokyo's war reparations fund, a witness testified yesterday at the racketeering trial of Marcos' widow.

Andres Genito Jr., an officer of the now-bankrupt Ataka Co. and later the Toyo Corp. Trading Companies, testified that Gen Eulogio Balao, chief of the Philippines' reparations commission, collected the payoffs for Marcos in Tokyo.

Balao was appointed to the commission by Marcos shortly after he became president in 1966, the witness said.

The general, a World War II hero and former senator in the Philippines,

sometimes carried "two or three" suitcases under diplomatic seal to Hong Kong where the money was deposited for Ferdinand Marcos, said Genito.

His testimony came at the trial of Mrs Marcos, who is charged with racketeering, conspiracy, fraud and obstruction of justice in an alleged scheme with her husband to divert more than \$200 million from the Philippines for their personal use.

Genito explained the reparations fund was for "war damages" suffered during the occupation of the Philippines by the Japanese in World War II.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Genito described payments made on contracts won by the Japanese companies to

supply equipment and services to the Philippines.

He described the payments as a form of "insurance" to guarantee "there is no hitch...there's no red tape whatsoever" in completing the projects.

The payoffs collected by the general were "10 to 15 per cent depending on the equipment or goods supplied."

After learning of one such payment, Genito testified he told the general, "this is a large sum of money that we are paying. Is this for you?" And he laughed. "Are you kidding? This goes to president Marcos."

An October 1977 memo to Marcos on "the progress" of a corporation formed

after Balao died showed \$50.6 million was collected for nine projects ranging from a pumping station to a ship-repair facility.

Genito said at one point Marcos asked him for \$1 million and he gave him a cheque for it.

"I don't want you to tell anyone, even your ma'am," Genito testified. Marcos warned, explaining "ma'am" was Mrs Marcos.

When the Japanese war reparations fund ran out, low-cost, long-range loans were arranged by the Japanese for companies in the Philippines and other Southeast Asia countries that had been occupied by Japan, Genito said.

## Mugger walks away with \$500m in London

LONDON, May 2, (UPI): A mugger walked away with almost £300 million (\$500 million) in negotiable securities today after holding up a messenger at knifepoint on a busy London street.

But the Bank of England said his crime may never pay. It immediately warned financial institutions to be on their guard against attempts to cash in the certificates, whose numbers are registered.

The messenger for Sheppards Money Brokers was robbed of certificates of deposit worth £121.9 million (\$200 million) and treasury bills worth £170 million (\$280 million).

A Bank of England spokesman said that while the bearer certificates were negotiable, it would be difficult to cash them as the holder would "have to demonstrate that he has good title to the documents."



Royal laughter

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands laughing at a joke while posing for photographers as West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl smiles during the opening of the Hanover Trade Fair inside the pavilion of the Netherlands. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Egypt, Syria

(Continued from Page 1) that "we expect good results" from the presidential summit, "not only for Egypt and Syria but also for all the Arab countries and for peace and stability in the area."

"We're extremely happy with this visit and today's talks are for the benefit of the entire Arab nation," said Assad's spokesman, Jibrin Khourieh.

Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said in the United Arab Emirates today that efforts were under way to reconcile Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

On the Soviet Jews, the Soviet Ambassador to Syria, Alexander Zotov, told reporters yesterday that the emigration was "humanitarian" issue and that Soviet Jews were free to travel.

He said he thought many would choose to go to countries other than Israel.

Syria is the most implacable enemy of the Jewish state and Assad has

vowed to continue building up his forces until he reaches "strategic parity" with Israel so that the Arab world can negotiate from a position of strength.

Relations between Egypt and Syria were broken shortly after then-President Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in November 1977, seeking peace with the Jewish state.

Most other Arab states cut relations with Cairo after Sadat signed a peace treaty with Israel in March 1979.

But a 1987 Arab League summit gave member nations the go-ahead to renew ties.

A gradual warming in relations began more than two years ago when Assad and Mubarak met for the first time, in Kuwait. But relations remained so strained that Assad's aides denied the session occurred.

Syria held out against resuming full relations until last December. A temporary embassy has been set up in Damascus. Shattered hotel until a suitable building can be prepared.

## Hostages

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International School when he was abducted on Sept 9, 1986, described his fellow hostages as good men and said he was embarrassed to have been freed before them.

"I have been with John and Brian since last October. I saw Tom a year ago last February. I spent two years with Tom and Terry. I have not seen Tom and Terry in a while and I don't know where they are. I spent almost three years with John and Brian or having them somewhere in the house with me,"

Reed said McCarthy and Keenan were alive and well.

Dressed in a light blue bathrobe and hair-legged, he posed for photographers for the first time since arriving in Wiesbaden for medical checks and debriefing by US State Department anti-terrorism experts.

The shaggy beard grown in captivity had been shaved off earlier in the day and officials said Reed had spent 45 minutes sitting in the sun in an attempt to regain his suntan.

His Syrian-born wife Fahima (Fifi), 39, and nine-year-old son Tarek stood beside him. The three hugged each other occasionally and Reed ruffled Tarek's hair.

Asked if he was angry with the US government for not having secured his release sooner, Reed replied: "I thought I was, but I don't think I am now. It seems to me perhaps they're

on the right track of getting people out."

Reed said he might travel home to Massachusetts on Friday. "I feel good. I'm a little tired because I haven't got any living muscle," he added.

He did not respond when asked if he had a message for President George Bush, as his kidnappers announced when they freed him. "If he's got a message, he has kept it to himself," one US official said.

In a joking reference to the Wiesbaden hospital that has been the first stop for US hostages held in the Middle East for around 10 years, Reed said: "I'd like to stay another week or two but they want me out of here on Friday. Actually, it's not very good here. I don't recommend it a bit."

US officials who have talked to Reed in the last few days said he was lucid and alert.

Reed's wife said the couple would seek professional counseling to help them to cope with the trauma of the kidnapping and their long separation and to re-adjust to life together.

Asked what would be the first thing he would do when he returns to the United States, Reed smiled and replied: "Hide." "I'd like to eat a big Maine lobster, about three pounds (1.3 kg)," he added.

He said he had a lot of news to catch up on. "I'm being drowned in information."

## Kashmir

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Indians to prepare for war, adding that India did not seek a military conflict but would project its interests.

He told visiting Japanese Premier Toshiki Kaifu that India would take two steps for every step that Pakistan took to ensure peace in the region.

Singh's minority government, which came to power in last November's elections, depends on support from the BJP and Jefsi parties for its survival.

Quoting a New York Times report, Advani said there were as many as 50 camps inside Pakistan training and arming militants fighting for a Kashmir free of Indian rule.

India said today it had rejected a Pakistani proposal that neutral observers investigate charges that Islamabad backs Muslim Kashmiris fighting New Delhi.

Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral told Parliament he had scored what he called "the patently propagandistic suggestion" by his Pakistani counterpart, Sahabzadah Yaqub Khan during talks in New York on April 25.

In New Delhi, the supreme court today stayed an April 24 Jammu and Kashmir state high court order that curfew in the Kashmir valley be terminated.

The central government appealed the lower court decision, contending that curfew was essential to help security forces restore peace and order.

The court granted the stay after Jammu and Kashmir advocate General Y.K. Gupta promised the court that authorities would relax curfew as and when the situation permitted.

Meanwhile, authorities in Srinagar relaxed curfew from 9 am to 1 pm and temporarily suspended house-to-house searches for suspected militants.

Last night, security forces stepped up their searches in 12 localities of Srinagar, seizing 50 suspects, while in New Delhi authorities arrested Shafiq Ahmed, a leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front.

Amod Kanth, crime branch chief of the New Delhi police department, said Ahmed was wanted in connection with several killings and kidnappings in the Kashmir valley.

## Airlines offer \$1m reward

# Bounty for terrorist tip

WASHINGTON, May 2, (UPI):

The US airline industry offered a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of international air terrorists.

The reward, announced by the Air Transport Association yesterday, will supplement the \$2 million offered by the State Department for the same information.

Law enforcement and airline officials hope the \$3 million in reward money will be enough to foil potential terrorist acts by enticing conspirators to turn in their partners in crime.

"The US airline industry is committed to using every resource at its disposal to make its passengers the safest in the world, and if that means offering a bounty, we'll do it," said Robert J. Aaronson, the association's president.

\$3 million should be a powerful incentive for people within, or close to, terrorist organisations to reveal plots before they are carried out," Aaronson said.

Particularly, it is hoped the additional reward money will encourage someone to come forward with information about the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

The flight suffered a midair explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 270 passengers and crew members.

Capt. Bruce Smith, a Pan Am pilot whose wife, Ingrid, was aboard the doomed flight, said the additional reward is the result of efforts by families of the victims of the disaster to bring those responsible to justice.

"This reward is proof that relatives are getting more than sympathy from America," Smith

said. "The reward is a milestone, but it's not the end of the road."

Families of Pan Am 103/

Lockie, an organisation of 160

members of the bombing's victims, supported the reward and members are hopeful it will lead to a breakthrough in the case.

There have been no arrests in connection with the bombing, said William Baker.

Aaronson said the association's members, the nation's major airlines, are ready "write the cheques" when the State Department receives information determined instrumental in terrorist convictions.

Morris Busby, the State Department's counter-terrorism ambassador, said some of the department's \$2 million in reward money already has been distributed for information obtained.

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# World's biggest May Day turnout in Cuba

## Violence flares in Nicaragua, Colombia

HAVANA, May 2. (Agencies): Three million people turned out for marches in Cuba yesterday as workers celebrated May Day with parades and rallies throughout much of Latin America.

Violence flared briefly during marches in Managua and Bogota. Salvadorean marched for an end to 10 years of civil war, and Panamanians condemned December's US invasion. Workers in Honduras and Venezuela used May Day to protest austerity measures and price increases.

In contrast to more subdued parades in East European countries that have moved away from communism, Cuba's well-organized celebra-

tion of May Day was the most spectacular in the Western hemisphere and among the biggest in the world.

The Cuban government billed the outpouring of people as a show of support for President Fidel Castro and the Caribbean island's socialist system.

Leftist Sandinistas and backers of Nicaragua's new government buried stings at each other when their separate May Day marches met briefly on the streets of Managua, witnesses said. At least two people were injured, but there were no arrests, pro-government radio cor-

poracion said.

The violence broke out as Sandinista supporters headed home from an opposition rally and came across a march of about 800 workers belonging to the Nicaraguan Workers Centre (CTN), which backs President Violeta Chamorro's new government.

In El Salvador, tens of thousands of workers marched through the capital San Salvador in the biggest May Day march in five years. The demonstrators, representing trade unions, opposition political parties and grassroots organisations, chanted slogans in favour of a negotiated end to the civil war, which has claimed some 75,000 lives.

Bogota police fired tear gas at some 4,000 workers in the Colombian capital after some marchers, described by police as "anarchist elements," threw firecrackers towards them, police and witnesses said. Two people suffered minor injuries.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, some 20,000 public workers used a march to protest against a rigid economic austerity plan that they say threatens public sector jobs.

Thousands of Venezuelan workers marched peacefully through the capital Caracas to celebrate International Labour Day and protest a proposed gasoline price increase.

Some 3,000 marching Panamanian workers condemned the US invasion that toppled strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega and called for a day of mourning on the anniversary of the attack.

In Argentina, tens of thousands of red flag-waving leftists shouted their opposition to President Carlos Menem's Peronist administration during a rally. "No to privatisations, no to bumper wages," changed the crowd, estimated at 150,000 people by independent Marxist parties and at 45,000 by

Chileans celebrated their first May Day in democracy after 16 1/2 years of military rule under General Augusto Pinochet. Tens of thousands crowded into a Santiago park for speeches by union leaders and new President Patricio Aylwin.

Aylwin's government and the unions are close to an agreement providing an increase in monthly salaries from \$60 to \$80 starting in June.

Manuel Bustos, leader of the Central Workers' Union who shared the podium with Aylwin at the rally, said the agreement "is not what we wished for, but it is a first step." The union has 300,000 members among a 4.1 million-strong workforce.

As their counterparts in Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina and other countries, Nicaraguan workers fear austerity programme that include privatisation of state companies, layoffs, cuts in social expenditure and prices determined by market forces.

In a peaceful march in Caracas also attended by President Carlos Andres Perez, Venezuelan workers supported a labour bill reducing the work week from 48 to 44 hours and providing a 15 percent increase in year end bonuses. The Venezuelan Workers' Confederation, the country's only labour union, rejected an imminent hike in gas prices.

In Mexico City, riot police clashed with opposition labour unions during a May Day March, but allowed them to continue to Mexico City's main plaza that had just been vacated by pro-government labour groups.

More than 50 people were injured, including nine policemen, three news photographers and a demonstrator who required hospitalisation, the independent news agency excelsior reported.

Several hundred riot police on horseback and on foot had held up the opposition union demonstration for hours, apparently to give the pro-government labour groups time to clear the Zocalo Plaza after their annual rally.

Once they arrived at the Zocalo, some opposition marchers scrambled up the front of ornate colonial buildings cut down a dozen huge pro-government banners and set them afire as a crowd estimated at 20,000 roared its approval.

The banners had praised the economic programme of president Carlos Salinas de Gortari. In Uruguay, some 25,000 people attended a rally in Montevideo under the banner "for social justice," with hundreds attending demonstrations in other 36 cities.

Union leaders criticised the 3-month-old government of President Luis Alberto Lacalle for its austerity programmes including income taxes and privatisation of state companies.

In Bolivia, more than 25,000 people marched in La Paz to the sound of huge fireworks and listened to Victor Lopez, leader of the Bolivian Workers' Federation.

An old peasant farmer observes May 1 banners with the faces of several of the 6 Jesuits and two women employees murdered by the military on Nov 16, 1989, after having participated in the traditional International Workers' Day march in which some 40,000 Salvadorans took part. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jesuits trial could begin

## Falklands top priority

### Menem assures Parliament

BUENOS AIRES, May 2. (Reuter): President Carlos Menem yesterday assured Parliament that the Argentine government was giving top priority to his country's claim over the British-held Falklands and other South Atlantic islands.

"Our sovereign rights over the Malvinas (Falklands), South Georgia and south Sandwich Islands, are the main priority, the most important cause of our foreign policy," he said in a speech to Congress.

To the applause of legislators he held the recent renewal of diplomatic links with Britain, severed since Argentina's brief invasion of the islands in 1982, would enable an eventual peaceful solution to the territorial dispute.

Sandovat said the report could not claim to give a definitive verdict on the investigation, as it had not yet finished.

The Salvadorean armed forces meanwhile said cutting military aid would strengthen the hand of leftist rebels in the country's 10-year-old civil war, which has cost some 75,000 lives.

"Our rights remain intact, in

reserve until the day when both governments can begin the search of a lasting solution to the matter," he added.

The re-establishment of links with Britain in February had been criticised by some opposition politicians and sectors of the armed forces as weakening Argentina's negotiating position over its claim.

Summing up his 10 months in office, Menem said despite the current economic crisis Argentina was on the right path.

"Our country was in flames. And we are still suffering an Argentine with many asbes, many painful wounds and many smouldering embers," said Menem, who when he took office in July described the crisis as the worst in Argentine history.

With inflation now under control,

it was possible to hope structural changes would stimulate the private sector and accelerate growth to a level which would give a real increase in per capita income, he said.

The Argentine economy had not grown in the past 14 years and salaries were at half the level of a decade ago, Menem added. Of the country's 12.2 million labour force, 4.5 million were either unemployed or underemployed.

In response to critics of government plans to privatise public companies and reduce the state's role in the economy as tantamount to auctioning off the state, Menem said the state should concentrate on providing education, health care, security, justice and government.



Child gets tear-gassed

Bystanders assist a child injured by tear-gas fired by police to disperse a crowd of some 4,000 people during a May 1 workers' rally in Bogota. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Torrijos remains stolen Formal complaint filed

PANAMA CITY, May 2. (AP): The remains of the late strongman Gen. Omar Torrijos were stolen yesterday from the crypt of a Roman Catholic church, a police chief said.

Relatives of Torrijos reported to police they believed the remains were stolen from the Corazon de Maria national sanctuary in the capital city yesterday afternoon, judicial police director Leslie Loaiza said.

A witness gave police descriptions of two sus-

pects, Loaiza said in an interview with KW-Radio Conteniente. He refused to give details other than to repeat, "we have their descriptions."

The strongman's eldest son, Martin Torrijos, and Martin's brother-in-law, Marcelino Jaen, filed a formal complaint with judicial authorities, Loaiza said.

Torrijos seized power in an October 1968 coup and ruled Panama as a military强人 until his death in a plane crash in July 1979.

## Mohawk unrest leaves 2 dead

CORNWALL, Ontario, May 2. (Reuter): Police from the United States and Canada moved on to a Mohawk Indian reservation late yesterday after a tribal feud over gambling erupted into a nine-hour gun battle killing two men.

"New York state police entered the reserve in an effort to protect the lives in the reserve," said New York police Captain Richard Garritt.

"There is a police action under way," said Peter West, a spokesman for police in the Canadian province of Ontario.

Quebec police also entered the reserve to restore order and investigate the deaths of the two Mohawks killed in yesterday's battle in which thousands of rounds of semi-automatic gunfire were exchanged.

It was the second armed clash in a week between the Warrior Society — young Mohawks who support the six casinos on the American side of the 14,000-acre (5,600 hectare) reservation — and the tribal factions that oppose them.

Police from New York state, Ontario and Quebec would not disclose how many officers were involved on the reservation of 9,500 Indians that straddles the border near Massena, New York.

Canadian television reported that up to 300 police were involved. It also said sporadic gunfire could still be heard on the reservation and that a house had been bombed in apparent retaliation for the deaths.

Earlier yesterday, elected tribal chief Harold Tarbell had pleaded with New York governor Mario Cuomo to call out the National Guard.

"We don't know what else to do," Tarbell said. "Capitulation and living in terror is too high a price."

The police action follows days of protest from the Canadian government, which has been calling for intervention by the New York state police. The police have repeatedly called for the Mohawks to resolve the dispute among themselves.

The reservation has been turned into a virtual war zone over the casinos.

After months of intermittent confrontations, a gun battle erupted last Thursday when warrior society members armed with assault rifles overran a series of roadblocks set up by other Mohawks in an effort to close the casinos.

The casinos draw thousands of non-Indian visitors and make millions of dollars in profits. They have been declared illegal by the federal government.

## Senate approves Bush aid requests

WASHINGTON, May 2. (UPI): The Senate passed a long-awaited bill yesterday that grants nearly all of President George Bush's emergency aid request for Nicaragua and Panama but the measure still faces a presidential veto threat because of a provision on abortion.

The \$720 million for the new US-backed governments in Central America is the centrepiece of legislation that would spend about \$2.3 billion for both foreign and domestic programmes during the fiscal year ending Sept 30.

The measure was adopted by a voice vote. Like one passed last month by the House, it authorizes the full \$300 million sought by Bush for Nicaragua and \$420 million of the \$500 million the president wanted for Panama.

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The money, he said, would partly go to clear up back debts owed by Panama to international financial institutions, such as the World Bank. In the future, Panama would go to these lending institutions rather than the United States for any financial help.

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## JFK Jr flunks again in exam

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuters): "The bunk flunks," declared the *New York Post*. "The hunk flunks... again," said the *Daily News*: "The bunk who flunked," said *Newsday*.

No, the newspapers didn't have the same headline writer. They were simply talking about the the sexiest man alive flunking the New York state bar exam for a second time.

Who is the sexiest man alive? Why, John F. Kennedy Jr., of course. People magazine dubbed him that last September.

The Entertainment magazine said that the son of the slain president and sometime escort of Madonna and Daryl Hannah has his mother's dark eyes and his father's striking body.

Under state rules, Kennedy can try to pass the bar exam as many times as he wants.

But Kennedy, 29, is a prosecutor with the Manhattan district attorney's office and the office has its own rule — pass the exam three tries or resign.

Kennedy flunked the 12-1/2 hour, two-day test when he took it last July. He flunked it again when he took it in February.

"I'm clearly not a major legal genius," said the man who as a child is remembered standing at attention as his father's funeral procession passed by.

The result prompted a feeding frenzy on the part of New York's tabloids, in a three-way battle for circulation.

Except the story on the front page with a picture of Kennedy and made it their lead item. The *August*, *New York Times* gave the story, only two paragraphs, and never used the word "bunk."

Newsday won the fight for most revealing picture, showing Kennedy barechested with a stag's tooth chain around his neck.

Kennedy, who introduced his uncle, Senator Edward Kennedy, at the 1988 Democratic convention, graduated from New York University law school last May.

He was one of 65 recruits hired by Manhattan district attorney Robert Morgenthau. So far, 58 of them have passed the bar, but Morgenthau expressed confidence in Kennedy.

Kennedy is not the first of his clan to fail the test. A cousin, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., failed it in 1983 while working for the Manhattan district attorney's office. However, he was admitted to the New York bar two years later.



### Phantom of the Opera

Robert Guillaume, right, acknowledges the crowd's ovation after his first performance in the lead role of the musical *Phantom of the Opera* on May 1. Guillaume replaced Michael Crawford, who played the phantom for over four years. (Reuters wirephoto)

### MEDICAL FILE

**Osteoporosis drug:** An experimental drug has greatly reduced the number of new spinal fractures and reduced bone loss in osteoporosis patients, a preliminary study released on Wednesday said.

The three-year study by Danish researchers raised the hope that the drug could reverse or even prevent the widespread and debilitating bone disorder.

The researchers analysed the effect of the drug etidronate, a non-bone-mass drug taken orally that reduces bone loss, and calcium in 66 women with post-menopausal osteoporosis.

The study, published in the current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was supported by Norwich-Eaton Pharmaceuticals of Norwich, New York, which makes the drug. (Reuters)

**Public smoking banned:** The haze cleared from buses and movie theatres Tuesday as the government cracked down on smoking.

Authorities outlawed smoking in cinemas and buses, and ordered segregated smoking areas to be set up in government buildings, trains, schools, libraries, hospitals, airports, supermarkets, restaurants and art galleries.

Health inspectors will make spot checks throughout the country, with powers to fine offenders up to 100 Irish pounds (\$160). Owners or managers failing to enforce the ban can be fined up to 500 Irish pounds (\$800).

Restaurateurs were angered that the ban does not apply to pubs or bars.

"There seems to be two laws," said Henry O'Neill, head of the Restaurant Owners Association. "Publicans have gone into food in a restaurant and they are not restricted. It is unfair and it increases an element of unfair competition."

**Hijacks treatment:** Medical researchers in Britain have finally come up with two new treatments for one of the most common and annoying complaints, hiccups, it was reported in London Wednesday.

But still neither treatment, it seems, will provide a convenient replacement for ancient and humble remedies such as drinking water from the wrong side of a glass or holding the breath.

The treatments, both sophisticated drugs, are aimed at people for whom hiccups are more than a social embarrassment, according to the specialised publication here, *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*. (Kuna)

## Bid to kidnap Seagram heir foiled

MONTREAL, May 2, (Reuters): Police said yesterday they had foiled a plot to kidnap Stephen Bronfman, one of the heirs to the Seagram distilling fortune.

The police said they stumbled across the plans while they were investigating a homicide. The would-be kidnappers were planning to trap and abduct Bronfman by staging a car accident somewhere in the Montreal region, Lieutenant Detective Allen Trepassey said.

Montreal police arrested Anton Angelic, 42, on Monday night and are searching for his alleged accomplice in the plan to kidnap the 26-year-old Bronfman. A third man, currently serving time for murder conviction, will also be charged, police said.

"To the best of my knowledge, it was not a political crime," Trepassey said, referring to kidnappers in Quebec in the 1970s by separatist extremists.

He said he did not know how much ransom the alleged

kidnappers were planning to demand, nor did he know the whereabouts of the younger Bronfman. Officials at the Seagram Co. Ltd headquarters in Montreal would not comment on the case.

About 15 years ago, the eldest son of Seagram chairman Edgar Bronfman was reported kidnapped. Two men were arrested and convicted of extortion, but they were acquitted of kidnapping charges after the defense alleged that Sam Bronfman helped to arrange his own kidnapping.

Sam Bronfman, who runs the company's wine business today, has denied any involvement in that affair.

Stephen Bronfman is the son of Charles Bronfman, co-chairman of Seagram and brother of Edgar Sr.

"To the best of my knowledge, Stephen Bronfman has nothing to do with these individuals," said Trepassey, referring to the accused in the current case.

## French leader warns of lawlessness

PARIS, May 2, (Reuters): French extreme right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen told thousands of supporters at a Paris rally yesterday that an anti-racism bill now before Parliament could lead to lawlessness.

Le Pen, leader of the National Front, attracted 12,000 supporters for "Joan of Arc Day," a celebration of France's national heroine organised by his party to compete with traditional May Day workers' parades.

He urged the National Assembly not to

adopt a communist-backed law which would strip civil rights from people convicted of fermenting racism.

"Don't they see, those who govern us, that they will be responsible if people infuriated by this injustice act outside the law?" He told a crowd of flag-waving supporters ranging from leather-jacketed skinheads to middle-aged couples.

"While they're giving the vote to foreigners they'll be taking it away from patriots," Le Pen said. "Let us organise our rank and file in the defence of French

liberties."

Le Pen, standing in front of a huge painting of Saint Joan, gave a clenched-fist salute as people representing different regions of France filed past shouting: "Le Pen for president."

"Racism in France today means patriotism," he told the crowd after their march to the Palais Royal Square near the Louvre Museum and the Tuilleries Gardens.

Bruno Megret, the National Front's third-ranking leader, told French televi-

sion the anti-racism bill was inspired by hatred of his party.

"The idea is simple. Those who resist immigration, including the National Front, will simply be branded racists, depriving them of civil rights will mean that can't run for election," he said.

Le Pen, a former paratrooper who fought in the Algerian war, was once scorned by the political establishment but has managed to whip up support on the issue of Arab and African immigration.

## US plans closing 200 bases

South Carolina nuclear reactors to start production in December

WASHINGTON, May 2, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney extended a freeze on \$7 billion in new military construction yesterday and ordered a review of 207 congressionally approved projects at bases for possible cancellation.

On his review "hit list," which totals an additional \$1.2 billion, are four of the navy's six new strategic home ports, including Staten Island, N.Y., which is nearly complete.

Cheney made the announcement as the house began debating a 1991 budget that would cut some \$24 billion from President Bush's \$306.9 billion defence plan, but he denied his review list was meant as a warning to Congress.

"It's not sent as a signal to anybody," Cheney said, adding that the timing of the announcement was "purely coincidental" as his previous freeze on new military construction

projects was to have expired at midnight Monday.

But Cheney said at a news conference that members of Congress should have no doubt that deep defence budget cuts will likely hurt everyone, including those bases and projects in their home districts and states.

"There are a lot of members of Congress who would like to be able ... to go out on the floor and vote to cut the defence budget and then pick up the telephone and call me and say, 'Dick, you're not going to shut my base down, are you?'

"There's a certain amount of hypocrisy involved in that," Cheney said.

"The thing members of Congress have to understand is, cutting the defence budget



Road block protest

Truckers partially block the road at French/West German border crossing outside Strasbourg, reducing traffic to single file. They are protesting a proposed West German project to tax commercial traffic in Germany. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Threatened by internal division

## Soviet army facing crisis

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): The Soviet military is facing a threat to its existence from ethnic differences and large-scale defections, two experts have told the house armed services committee.

The witnesses, Stephen Meyer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and John Hines of the Rand Corp, described a Soviet military fraught with problems ranging from public opposition to a significant percentage unable to speak Russian.

The Soviet military establishment is facing an institutional crisis that is unprecedented in proportion in the post-war period, Meyer told the defence policy panel of the armed services committee.

Questioned whether the military could launch an offensive outside its borders, Hines forecast widespread problems for the Soviet armed forces.

"They would respond but it would take a great deal of time, it would be relatively ineffective force and potentially one that I think any serious commander would not want to take into offensive operation," Hines said.

Problems in the military include the attitude of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who despite pleas from military officials approved student deferments from the armed forces.

Three military leadership is alienated from Soviet Society, blamed for the war in Afghanistan as well as the widespread economic problems that plague the country, Meyer said.



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## Probe into Hubble telescope glitch

GREENBELT, Maryland, May 2, (UPI): While probing a new glitch with the Hubble space telescope, NASA planned finally to begin slowly switching on the observatory's many systems and high-tech instruments.

"I think we're ready to roll," said NASA's Jim Moore at the Goddard Space Flight Center. "I think we should be moving smartly into the activity of getting on with ... starting to turn things on."

Engineers planned to begin transmitting to the telescope's high-speed antennas and sending computer commands issued by the space telescope science institute in Baltimore to bring its five in-

struments to life slowly.

The work was planned as technicians looked into a potential problem that cropped up yesterday with the 1.2-ton telescope's gyroscopes, which are used to position the craft.

"They really don't know what the problem is," said NASA spokesman Jim Elliott. "But they don't think it's serious."

The problem occurred at about 1:13 am while engineers were testing \$1.5 billion telescope's three fine guidance sensors, which are used to locate and lock onto celestial targets.

## May day

Police use tear-gas

## Battles mar first joint May Day in Berlin

WEST BERLIN, May 2, (Agencies): More than 500 youths fought pitched battles with police yesterday in the troubled Kreuzberg district, marring the first May Day in 44 years to be celebrated by Germans from both halves of the long-divided city.

Police in riot gear used water cannons and tear gas in a frustrated bid to control the mob that raged through Kreuzberg after nightfall, smashing shop windows, torching buildings and police cars and barricading streets.

Police arrested more than 50 rioters but had little success in suppressing the gang, who for several hours peleted the charging riot-control officers with repeated volleys of rocks and bottles.

Some demonstrators hurled gasoline bombs, setting fire to at least two police vehicles. Demonstrators also tore up cobblestones and hurled them at the police, who were clad in khaki uniforms and equipped with riot gear and plexiglass shields.

Officials described the throng as 'hard-core' troublemakers. Many wore masks to hide their identities and apparently came from an afternoon punk rock concert. The concert was organised by fringe groups opposed to German unification.

## Explosive

Police said they were unable to estimate how many police and civilians were hurt in the melee.

"The situation is explosive. It looks as if we are in for a long night," police spokesman Hans Schulz told reporters after touring the riot-torn district.

The punk rock concert was attended by 15,000 people in Kreuzberg, a working-class neighbourhood adjacent to the Berlin Wall that is the haunt of Turkish immigrants, punk rockers and a variety of leftists and anarchists.

"We just hope the rioting doesn't spread to other city districts," West Berlin municipal spokesman Werner Kolhoff said.

The violence flared around 9 pm, with spectators lining the streets and crowding curbside cafés to watch the battles as sirens wailed and ambulances raced along the streets. Hundreds more looked on from the safety of their apartments in large tenement buildings.

Armoured cars roared through the debris-strewn streets crashing down hastily made street barricades, and in one case driving over a small car that had been set alight.

## Arrests

Many of the 50 people arrested were young Turks, police said. Tens of thousands of Turkish guest-worker families live in the run-down tenement houses in Kreuzberg, a trouble-torn district that in recent years has been a frequent focal point for city unrest.

In the East German city of Leipzig, police detained 21 people after left-wing youths clashed with neo-Nazi activists, the official news agency ADN reported.

It was the first May Day in East Germany since the fall of its Stalinist cult last year and the first chance for the two sides of Berlin to celebrate together since 1946.

More than 50,000 people attended a trade union rally outside the Reichstag, the old German parliament building, in West Berlin yesterday.

East Berliners forming a line one km (half a mile) long marched to the rally through the Berlin Wall, opened last November, in a procession bearing little resemblance to the formal communist parades of past years.

## Shocked

In Moscow, grim-faced Soviet leaders looked on aghast as radical protesters turned communism's annual May Day pat on the back into a blunt denunciation of the system.

"I'm not sure what they can do to beat this next year without resorting to violence," said one Western diplomat.

Tens of thousands of people took part in an official counter-demonstration in Red Square, using socialism's big day to deliver the most serious public rebuke to President Mikhail Gorbachev since he came to power five years ago.

Chanting 'down with the KGB' and 'freedom for Lithuania,' many waved red, yellow and green Lithuanian flags and demanded an end to Moscow's economic blockade of the breakaway republic.

After standing on top of Lenin's mausoleum for 25 minutes, an unsmiling Gorbachev and fellow Kremlin leaders stalked off.

"We've won. The politburo is leaving the mausoleum. Resign, resign," sections of the crowd chanted.

"We're shocked the West is supporting Gorbachev," a young mother said. "Why is he so popular abroad? Do foreigners not realize how much we dislike him?"

In Nepal, citizens for the first time celebrated May Day legally, in keeping with the democratic reforms implemented last month by King Birendra.

In Mozambique, workers marched through downtown Maputo demanding higher wages and lower prices and celebrating their first May Day since the ruling party dropped its Marxist philosophy.

## Clashes

In the Philippines, troops beat dozens of protesters outside a US-run air base and clashed with demonstrators elsewhere in rallies nation-wide to demand the removal of US military bases. Scores were reported injured.

Romanians, demanding the resignation of interim President Ion Iliescu because of his communist past, continued a 10-day protest in Bucharest. At least 1,000 anti-Iliescu protesters gathered in a second city, Timisoara.

In Warsaw, Poland, 200 supporters of a leftist, anti-communist group marched to protest the Solidarity-led government's austerity policies.

In France, both the far-right and unionists marched in separate rallies to celebrate the labour holiday.

In Sofia, tens of thousands of people joined a parade organised by the dominant Socialist Party, the new name for Bulgaria's almost 100-year-old communist party. Large crowds also turned out for a rally by the opposition coalition.

## Rallies

In Prague, Czechoslovakia, communist leader Vasil Moroz, whose party still claims more than 1 million members, admitted the current anti-communist mood signalled "we are paying the price for not allowing other people to celebrate May Day as they wanted" in the past.

In Vienna, the 100-year-old Socialist Party staged an annual May Day parade, attended by city officials.

Europe's last bastion of Stalinism, Albania, had more orthodox celebrations.

In China, which unlike other communist countries never had a tradition of giant May Day parades, a holiday mood prevailed.

May Day celebrations were also uneventful in Japan, where at least 1 million workers gathered at rallies and the labour minister promised efforts to cut working hours, among the longest in the major industrial nations.

## 70 protesters sit in support of Mongolian hunger strikers

ULAN BATOR, May 2, (Reuter): With bitter wind swirling around patches of snow, 70 protesters sat in Ulan Bator's main square today to support hunger strikers campaigning for press freedom and faster democratic change.

Hundreds of curious onlookers gathered around the protesters but police did not intervene during the several hours of demonstration in the capital.

Witnesses said demonstrators held placards supporting 17 hunger strikers in

the northwest town of Moron, some of whom began their protest fast last Friday.

Four were already weak, opposition sources said.

The hunger strike began after police arrested nine democracy activists who organised an illegal rally in the town. They were released after a large crowd gathered in protest around the police station.

The activists were the first to be seized by the communist authorities since Mongolia's peaceful democracy movement

burst into life last December.

Opposition sources said there were other protest sit-ins in at least four other towns today. Hovd in the west, Erdene and Darhan in the north and Dornod in the east of the vast country, which is the size of Western Europe.

Despite recent signs that the Communist Party was taking a tougher line towards the opposition democracy movement, it seemed unlikely force would be used, diplomats in Ulan Bator said.

Talks between the opposition Mongolian Democratic Party and the government took a break over the national May Day holiday yesterday and today and were due to resume tomorrow.

Government officials were not available for comment on the hunger strike because of the holiday. The state-controlled media made no mention of the protests.

The ruling Communist Party, holder of absolute power for almost 70 years under the close control of the Soviet Union, has promised Mongolia's two million people free parliamentary elections in late July.



Soviet woman chanting slogans raises a banner during the annual May Day parade in Red Square on May 1. The banner reads 'Sukharev, leave' which refers to the state prosecutor. Thousands of radicals denounced Communist Party rule during the parade. (Reuter wirephoto)



A demonstrator holds a banner during the annual May Day parade in Red Square on May 1. The giant poster in the background shows the portraits of Max Engels and Lenin. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Hungarians celebrate

## Post-communist May Day

BUDAPEST, May 2, (Reuter): Tins labelled "the last breath of communism" sold like hot cakes in central Budapest yesterday as Hungarians marked their first post-communist May Day without national speeches or marches.

"We hope it is the last breath of communism," said Csaba Ory, secretary-general of the Democratic League of Independent Trade Unions whose wife had the idea of selling the empty tins at 35 forints (50 cents) each.

Yesterday was Hungary's first May Day since the Communist Party abandoned Marxist ideology and transformed itself into a Western-style socialist party last October.

Today, the country's first freely-elected Parliament since 1945 meets for the first time, without a single communist member.



Albanian leader Ramiz Alia sits with families at May Day celebrations on May 1 in this eastern city. A last bastion of Stalinist communism, Alia scoffed at reforming East bloc countries during his May Day speech. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Lithuania appeals West for support

## Persuade Moscow to break blockade

MOSCOW, May 2, (Agencies): Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis today appealed to the leaders of France and West Germany to help persuade Moscow to start talks with the breakaway republic on its independence bid.

In a message read to the Russian Parliament, Landsbergis also expressed his willingness to freeze "some of the effects" of laws bolstering the republic's March 11 declaration of independence.

But he said the declaration itself was sacred.

Lithuania's prime minister said yesterday she will ask US President George Bush to try to persuade the Soviet Union to break the economic

blockade imposed against Lithuania two weeks ago and recognise its declaration of independence.

Kazimiera Pruskiene told Lithuanian-Canadians at a meeting in Toronto that Bush and Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev had a prime opportunity to make history at their next summit, at the end of May, if they recognised Lithuania as an independent state.

"Both Bush and Mr Gorbachev when they meet, I hope they use the opportunity to leave their footprints in history as the initiators of a turning point in the history of Europe," she said.



A caricature of Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis with the words 'Where is Saifus leading us?' is placed during a pro-Moscow rally in Vilnius on May 1. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Demand for negotiations

## Call to quit Latvia

RIGA, Latvia, USSR, May 2, (UPI): Latvia's new parliament, on the verge of considering secession from the Soviet Union, demanded negotiations begin for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Baltic republic.

Pruskiene reiterated Lithuania's position that it was prepared to slow down secession from the Soviet Union if it received "iron-clad guarantees" from the international community that they will support independence.

"At no time and under no circumstances would there be any suspension of the document of independence," she added.

Landsbergis' letters were in response to a joint message from French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl last Thursday urging patience and caution on Lithuania in its independence bid.

"The main point is to ask them to convey to the Soviet government that we really want to sit down at the negotiating table," said Rita Dapkus, an official at the Lithuanian Parliament's information office.

"We might be willing to freeze some of the effects of our resolutions," she said.

But Dapkus said the letter explicitly stated that "all questions are negotiable except for the March 11 declaration itself."

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# Germany's agree on economy plan

EAST BERLIN, May 2. (Agencies): The two German states agreed on a plan today for merging their economies, officials said.

The tentative agreement sets the stage for the merger to take place on July 2. Such a merger is considered a major step toward full unification of the countries created when Germany was divided after World War II.

East and West Germany have been negotiating for weeks over how West Germany can absorb the decimated East German economy without threatening the strength of its powerful currency.

Officials in Bonn and East Berlin said the nations

agreed to exchange East German marks for West German marks at a 1-1 rate for most savings accounts of 4,000 marks (\$2,300) and lower.

Accounts above that would be exchanged at a rate of two East German marks for one West German mark.

However, the 1-1 rate would apply to accounts of up to 6,000 marks (\$3,530) for East Germans aged 60 and older.

Wages and salaries for all East Germans would be exchanged at a 1-1 rate.

Bonn initially proposed a 4,000-mark limit on 1-1 exchanges for all savings accounts, but East Ger-

many demanded a higher ceiling.

The agreement was confirmed by Mathias Gehrer, spokesman of East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere, and Rudolf Seitzer, chief of staff for West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Seitzer said the new official exchange rate for the East German marks will be 2-to-1, effective immediately. Since Jan 1, 1990, the official rate was 3-to-1.

A full political merger between the two German states likely will take place next year.

Both foreign ministers meet in Brussels tomorrow to discuss how to convince Moscow that

a single Germany should be a member of the Western alliance.

The special meeting is the first of a series of consultations over the next few weeks on the future of the 16-nation alliance now that four decades of cold war are over.

"Of all the questions we shall discuss, the German question is the key," said one senior NATO diplomat. "Every other issue depends in some way on what happens to Germany."

US Secretary of State James Baker will brief Washington's allies on what he expects from his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze in Bonn on Friday and from the so-called 'two plus four' talks there on Saturday.

Foreign ministers from the four World War Two allied powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain — are due to hold a first round of talks with their counterparts from the two Germanys to hammer out security aspects of unification.

All those nations except East Germany and the Soviet Union are NATO members. Even East Germany now appears prepared to accept membership of a united state in the Western pact.

Moscow is alone preferring a neutral Germany

but has given conflicting signals recently on whether NATO membership is totally unacceptable.

NATO says it has responded to Soviet security concerns by pledging not to station troops in what is now East Germany.

"We must convince Moscow that a country the size of Germany cannot be allowed to be neutral," the NATO diplomat said.

• The cost of German unification and its impact on world economies will be the main topic when central bankers from the group of seven industrialised countries meet in Washington this weekend, analysts said.

## Malaysia turning away refugees

KUALA LUMPUR, May 2. (Reuters): Malaysia has pushed more than 6,000 Vietnamese boat people away from its shores, including some 2,000 since mid-February, diplomatic sources said today.

Forty-seven boats carrying 2,268 people had been turned away from Malaysian shores since the second half of February, bringing the overall total of boat people rejected to 6,067. The most recent incident was on April 22, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said the number turned away in recent weeks was the highest since May 1989, when Malaysia began rejecting boats bringing new arrivals, drawing an international outcry.

Malaysia has consistently denied the allegations. It has in turn accused the United States and refugee groups for waging an anti-international media campaign against Malaysia, which plays a reluctant boat to 20,000 boat people.

US State Department spokeswoman Margaret Turwiler said last month that Malaysia's "push-back" policy had resulted in the deaths of four Vietnamese boat people.

Washington and human rights groups also say that Malaysia's actions contravened a Comprehensive Plan of Action (CPA) agreement Kuala Lumpur signed last June to give temporary asylum to boat people before rescreening to separate genuine refugees from economic migrants.

The latest reports bring to 12,232 the number of Vietnamese boats which have been turned away from Malaysia's east coast, the diplomatic sources said.

They said Malaysia appeared anxious that no consensus had been reached on the question of repatriation among first asylum and resettlement countries and Vietnam, who last met in January.

**Torture rife in Burma**

Amid reports of torture in Burma, the UN's human rights chief said yesterday that the situation in the country was "grave and令人担忧" (grave and令人担忧).

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Robert Muller said that the situation in Burma was "grave and令人担忧" (grave and令人担忧).

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# Iran rules out talks

Khamenei attacks US

NICOSIA, May 2, (AP): Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei today ruled out negotiations with the United States to end the decade-old feud that followed the establishment of the Islamic republic.

Khamenei's statement, carried by the state-run Islamic republic news agency ended a week-long debate in the Iranian press that followed an article by a senior government official suggesting a dialogue with the United States.

It also followed a State Department report which yesterday listed Iran as a supporter of terrorism, despite US President George Bush's acknowledgement that Tehran had helped secure the release of American hostages Robert Polhill and Frank Reed.

Polhill, 55, was freed by his pro-Iranian Muslim captors in Lebanon on April 22. Reed, 57, who also had been held by Iranian-backed Muslim zealots was released on Monday.

"I am against holding negotiations with the United States, and the Islamic republic government would not possibly do so without my consent," Iran quoted Khamenei as saying in response to the article by Vice President Attaollah Mohajerani, published in the daily newspaper Ettelaat.

Government officials "are naturally against such a thing," Khamenei said.

He added: "Those who think we must open negotiations with the United States are either simple-minded or terrified."

Mohajerani's article has been sharply attacked by radicals who consider dealings with the United States contradicts their ideology and the teachings of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic republic.

The radical Farsi-language newspaper Jomhuri Islami said on Saturday that Mohajerani's article had "stirred a feeling of disgust among the people and the officials."

The English-language Tehran Times quoted a senior presidential aide as saying Mohajerani's comments were "the personal view of the writer and President Hashemi Rafsanjani has got nothing to do with it."

The paper quoted Masih Mohajerani, Rafsanjani's advisor on social affairs, as saying "I talked to the President on Sunday and he made it clear the article reflects the personal opinion of the writer and it has no connection with him."

Tehran Times, which close to the President, said that Mohajerani did not indicate whether Rafsanjani himself was for or against the idea of opening direct talks with Washington.

Rafsanjani, leader of the country's so-called pragmatists, reportedly favours reconciliation with the United States and the West in general in an effort to



President Ali Khamenei

Should be part of any deal

## Missing Israelis

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 2, (AP): Israeli officials, reacting to an indirect US appeal to free Arab prisoners to encourage releases of Western hostages, insisted yesterday that Israel wanted three missing Israelis to be part of any deal.

US President George Bush said on Monday he had "certainly no objection" to Israel freeing prisoners as a goodwill gesture as called for by a Tehran newspaper.

An Iranian spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said Israel had received no US request for a prisoner release and responded "certainly not" when asked if he viewed Bush's remarks as pressure.

"The United States has ways to convey its opinions to us. We are in close touch always. We haven't been told anything of this," he said.

Asked if Israel refused to free Arab detainees unless captive Israelis were released, Pazner said he did not want to phrase his comments as a "negative way."

"Our policy is to get our prisoners back and for that purpose we are ready to consider the release of people detained here," he said.

Danny Naveh, spokesman for Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, said Israeli captives were Israel's first priority. "Our interest is to release our hostages," he said.

attract investment and technology for the flagging economy.

He is believed to have played the major role in securing the release of the two American hostages from captivity in Lebanon.

The captivity of 16 other Western hostages in Lebanon is a major obstacle preventing better relations between Iran and the West.

especially the United States. The hostages include six other Americans.

Although Rafsanjani appears to be distancing himself from Mohajerani's comments, they were a bold step by the pragmatic camp to break the taboo on public discussion of possible dealings with the United States.

**MIDEAST BRIEFS**

Rabat expels 2 French activists: The Moroccan authorities have expelled two French women doctors representing a human rights organization, a diplomatic source said on Wednesday in Rabat.

Doctors Helene Jaffe, president of the French association Pour Les Victimes de la Repression des Exiles — association for victims of the repression of exiles — (AVRE), and Marie-Helene Beaujolin, a member of the same group, were ordered out of the country on Monday when in the southern city of Marrakesh.

No official reason was given for the expulsions which follow the expulsion of two women representatives of the London-based human rights group Amnesty International in mid-March.

**Al-Bashir to consider release:** Gen. Dimer Al Bashir, Sudan's military leader, has promised to consider a request by a Sudanese doctors delegation on the release of jailed doctor Dr Mamoun Mohamed Hussein, the official Sudan News Agency (Suna) reported.

The agency, Tuesday, reported that a delegation of senior Sudanese physicians and surgeons called on Gen. Al Bashir and requested the release of Dr Mamoun, leader of the disbanded Sudanese doctors union, who has been sentenced to death by hanging.

Dr Mamoun, November last year led a general strike by Sudanese doctors against the government of Gen. Dimer Al Bashir.

He was arrested along with two other doctors, and sentenced to death for leading an illegal strike against the state. (Kuwa)

**Libya denies involvement:** Libya has again denied that it is involved in battles with Chadian government forces near the Sudanese frontier.

Chad said on Tuesday that its forces attacked a camp of the Libyan-backed Islamic Legion near the border with Sudan on Monday and killed 70 soldiers.

But in a statement sent to Reuters in Cyprus on Tuesday night, Tripoli said the fighting was between Chadian troops and dissident members of N'Djamena's armed forces. (Reuter)

## In Sudan

### Starvation

KHARTOUM, May 2, (AP): A poor harvest, inadequate livestock and a continuing flood of refugees from Sudan's civil war and fighting in Chad have caused serious hunger problems in western Sudan.

Officials said they fear widespread starvation in coming weeks among the 4.5 million people in Darfur, the sprawling mostly desert region in the country's extreme west.

Peter Orah, Sudan's minister for relief and refugee affairs, discussed the problem yesterday with representatives of Western donor organizations. The official Sudan News Agency said today they agreed to deliver urgently 3,750 tonnes of food to the area.

But the government's early warning system, a newsletter that forecasts relief needs, said the production shortfall in Darfur will total 51,000 tonnes.

Sudan's military leader, Lt. Gen. Omar Al-Bashir, promised during a tour of Darfur last November to provide 50,000 tonnes of sorghum, the Sudanese staple. He has not delivered, apparently because of lack of trucks and fuel.

**Turkish workers defy ban:** More than 20 people, including seven policemen, were injured Tuesday when Turkish workers defied a government ban on May Day demonstrations and clashed with police during marches to several cities.

Police arrested some 500 demonstrating workers across the country for defying the government ban, mainly in Istanbul.

Conservative Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut said Monday: "We will not allow demonstrations on May Day. Everybody has to obey the law. We will enforce the law." Turkey would have no holiday on international Labour Day, he said. (UPI)

## 14 fundamentalists shot dead: police lay siege to Egyptian village

CAIRO, May 2, (Reuter): Egyptian paramilitary police laid siege to a village occupied by Muslim zealots after a gunbattle in which 14 fundamentalists were shot dead, security sources said yesterday.

The sources said the militants threw a hand grenade at police as they closed in on Manshiet Al-Kahk village in the oasis of Fayoum.

Fayoum, 85 km (53 miles) southwest of Cairo, is often the scene of bloody clashes and at least 21 militants have been killed in

fighting over the past few days in Fayoum and Assiut, another fundamentalist stronghold in upper Egypt.

About 100 militants, belonging to a breakaway group of the outlawed Jihad (holy war) group, were involved in the shootout on Monday in which seven policemen were wounded.

The sources said four militants had been detained but at least 80 were thought to have gone to ground in the village, which was surrounded by armed police.

Police went to the village to arrest three brothers accused of killing their father, who had apparently tried to persuade them into giving up their militant activities, the sources added.

"Fayoum is sitting on top of a volcano threatening to erupt," a local weekly warned last month.

President Hosni Mubarak warned militants in a May Day speech yesterday against trying to form "a state within the state" and advised them not to "play with

fire."

"The state's power is stronger than terrorism," he said.

Several Muslim militant groups are seeking the implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) in pro-Western Egypt.

Sources said the group at Manshiet Al-Kahk, which calls itself "Al Jihad Al Jadid" (new holy war), was an offshoot of a group led by Fayoum resident Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman.

## No concessions to Syria, Iran

It's a quid pro quo exercise, says Baker

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuter): The United States will make no concessions to Syria or Iran other than thanking them for the release of two American hostages from Lebanon in the past eight days, Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday.

Baker told a subcommittee of the Senate appropriations committee the Bush administration was determined to stick to its policy of not negotiating with what he called terrorists or hostage-takers.

Responding to a question from Senator Robert Kasten, a Wisconsin Republican, whether the United States intended taking concrete steps to reward Iran or Syria for their role in the release of hostages Robert Polhill and Frank Reed, Baker said:

"I think that the main concern expressed in your question, that somehow we are going to engage in some sort of a quid pro quo exercise, you can put to

rest."

"With respect to the normalization of relations with those two governments, they both know what is required."

The first of the two hostages to be released, Polhill, delivered a message from his captors to President George Bush on Monday. Baker declined to give any details.

"I will not comment on what we are being asked to do directly or indirectly," he said.

Earlier in the day, US ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejian said the United States was eager to find out whether the two releases signalled the beginning of a process to free all hostages in Lebanon.

Interviewed from Damascus on US television, Djerejian said: "We have to determine now at this very sensitive stage if there is a process under way

for the release of all hostages. This is a very important point."

Djerejian said the United States understood Syria did not expect any reciprocal gestures for the release of Polhill last week and Frank Reed on Monday.

"Let's understand that the release of these two American hostages was unconditional and from the very beginning expressed to us as a gesture of good will. We've taken that at face value. We have thanked the Syrian government. We have thanked the Iranian government," he said.

Iran, suffering from economic hardships, has been eager for the United States to release all or part of the assets ordered frozen by Washington in 1979. Iran has said \$12 billion is in dispute but US government sources have said it is in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

## Reed surprised to learn 16 still held

McCarthy, Keenan still alive

WIESBADEN, West Germany, May 2, (Agencies): Frank Reed was kept with as many as six other western hostages during his 3 1/2 years in captivity and is "angry with everybody" that others are still held, his wife said today.

Fahima Reed also said that whenever another hostage was taken away her husband thought the captive was being freed. She said he was surprised and angered to learn that 16 other western hostages still are held in Lebanon.

Reed, 57, who was released on Monday, thought he would be the last

A Foreign Office spokesman said Reed, had seen television journalist John McCarthy and teacher Brian Keenan last Saturday.

"We can confirm that Reed said that, and we are absolutely delighted at that report," he said.

A British group of friends of John McCarthy, which has been pressing for his release, said Reed had told the hostage's father that McCarthy and Keenan were both well although they had some minor health problems.

Jill Morrell, a friend of McCarthy, said the two men were mostly kept blindfolded and chained but were allowed time to exercise.

Group spokesman Chris Pearson said: "This is the best thing that has happened in about four years. This is definitely the strongest news we have had."

Mrs Reed refused to discuss the message her husband was reportedly given by the hostage-takers for US President George Bush.

"I didn't get into that because this is not my business," she said.

Another US hostage, Robert Polhill, who was freed April 22, delivered a private message from his kidnappers to Bush in Washington yesterday. US officials refused to divulge the message.

Reed was blindfolded and bound for nearly his entire captivity in Lebanon, except for about 90 minutes during the evenings, said Mrs Reed, who is 39 and was born in Syria.

Among the westerners who had been held with Reed was Terry Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press and the longest held captive, said Mrs Reed.

Officials in Washington said yesterday they were grateful Reed was free, but they won't be satisfied until the rest of the hostages are released.

Asked whether her husband was upset with Washington for not taking action to free hostages, Mrs Reed said, "he's angry with everybody for the length of time he was kept, and for the length of time others were kept and that others are still there, too."

Mrs Reed and the couple's nine-year-old son, Tarek, were reunited with Reed at the hospital yesterday.

"We hugged, and then there was a moment of complete silence. It was just hugging, hugging, hugging, hugging," Mrs Reed said.

When asked what he said when he finally got to see his father, the boy replied: "I miss him. I love him."

Asked whether other hostages were in the same room with her husband, Mrs Reed said: "Sometimes five or six, sometimes two. Many times he was kept alone. ... He did see Terry Anderson. But I have no other information on that."

He said Washington should put pressure on Israel, its main ally in the Middle East, to free the remaining six Americans.

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# Israeli officials concerned over growing friction with US

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 2. (AP): Israeli expressed concern yesterday about its growing friction with the United States, which stems from disagreements over Middle East peace policy, Jewish settlements in the occupied lands and US hostages in Lebanon.

Referring to sharp US State Department criticism of Israel for rejecting US proposals for a Palestine-Israeli dialogue, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said, "it has to worry me, and it has to worry all of us."

The State Department, accused right-wing Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Monday of missing an opportunity for peace in refusing to agree to US terms for talks with Palestinians in Cairo.

Adding to the strain is Washington's pressure on Israel to stop building Jewish settlements in occupied lands and to free Shi'ite Muslim prisoners to help win the release of US hostages in Lebanon.

Israel has resisted both demands.

Instead, Shamir's caretaker government stepped up settlement construction in recent weeks despite US protests that they are an obstacle to peacemaking.

The Haaretz daily reported yesterday that Shamir agreed to push plans to create settlements approved by previous governments and issued 14 sites under consideration.

US President George Bush made an indirect appeal for a prisoner release, saying he "certainly had no objection" if Israel made such a move as a goodwill gesture.

But Shamir spokesman Avi Pazner said Israel had not received any request for a prisoner release and said "certainly not" when asked if the United

States was pressuring Israel over the issue. He stressed Israel sought the release of Israelis held by radical Shiite Muslims in Lebanon.

But he and other officials gave no indication they would free abducted Shiite cleric Abdul Karim Obeid or about 200 Arabs, most Lebanese Shiites, held by an Israeli-backed militia in south Lebanon to encourage the release of US hostages.

The rift between the two close allies widened Sunday after Shamir appeared to harden his position, saying "no one can expect us to accept every proposal and every idea of the American secretary.

be what they may be."

In the past, he has only said he needed more time to consider proposals by US Secretary of State James A. Baker III that talks be held in Cairo to discuss Israel's proposals for elections in the occupied lands to choose a Palestinian negotiating team.

Shamir is now trying to form a right-wing government without the centre-left Labour Party, which forced the current political crisis to March when Shamir refused to endorse the Baker proposals.

In a government without Labour Shamir would

be under considerable pressure from hawks in his own party and small ultra-rightist factions to drop the election plan.

Arens, a close Shamir ally, insisted yesterday that Shamir would stick to the peace initiative adopted by the Likud-Labour coalition in May 1988.

"You will find that in the policy guidelines of the new government it will be written that we have to advance the peace programme of May 1988. And it will be advanced," Arens said in an interview with Israel television.

# Baker disputes Israeli charges

Attempt to pressure negotiations

WASHINGTON, May 2. (UPI): Secretary of State James Baker denied charges yesterday he is attempting to pressure Israel into negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a testy exchange with Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, Baker disputed charges that have also been raised by right-wing Israeli politicians.

Specter, an ardent supporter of Israel, said he believes the PLO has continued to practice terrorism despite the public renunciation of terrorism by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in December 1988. The State Department reported to Congress in March that the PLO appears to be living up to that commitment.



School where Reed taught

A teacher and schoolchildren leave (yesterday) the premises of the private Cedars International School in Muslim west Beirut where former US hostage Frank Reed taught until his capture in September 1986. Reed was released on Monday by an organization called Islamic Dawn. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Rival forces shell ferries

Beirut truce breaks

BEIRUT, May 2. (Agencies): Rival Christian forces today fired on passenger ferries around each other's ports and battled with Howitzers and mortars in their 3-month-old power struggle for mastery of Lebanon's Christian enclave.

Police said no casualties were reported in the fighting or the tit-for-tat attacks on the Cypriot ferry, the Sunny Boat, and a Hydrofoil, the Virgin Butterfly, which also operates out of the east Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

A police spokesman said an armed speedboat manned by Lebanese Forces militiamen intercepted the Hydrofoil off the makeshift port of Dbaye, rebel Gen. Michel Aoun's only sea outlet 7 miles (11 km) north of Beirut before dawn.

The spokesman said the militiamen fired warning shots from a 14.5mm four-barreled machine gun once they determined the Virgin Butterfly was heading for Aoun's port.

"The vessel was not hit, but it sailed back to Larnaca," the spokesman said.

The speedboat crew "did not try to seize the ship. They only wanted to prevent it from docking at Dbaye," he said.

Soon after the Virgin Butterfly was intercepted, Aoun's gunners began shelling the Sunny Boat as it lay in Jounieh, 5 miles (8 km) north of Dbaye waiting to pick up passengers.

The Sunny Boat raced for the open sea as shells exploded in the water around it, the spokesman said. There were no reports that it

was hit.

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# Marketing council for produce suggested

## New vegetable market identical to old

THE present vegetable market in the Shuwaikh area is identical to the market that existed within Kuwait City 30 years ago, according to a Kuwaiti agricultural engineer, Mohammed Al Firaith.

Further commenting on this scenario, he said that the market is not organised or developed in keeping with the level of other such sectors in Kuwait during the

past 25 years. All that has in fact transpired is that the market has only shifted from one location to another. He added that local consumers are obliged to accept this state of affairs, although they are aware that half of the imported vegetables contain a mixture of grass and other stuffings, including various types of imported fruit which have

already lost their nutritious value before reaching the local markets.

He disclosed that the chairman and members of the municipal council visited the vegetable markets of Paris, Tunis and Amsterdam in 1984 to study organisational methods and work procedures at these markets in order to develop the

modalities of the Kuwait vegetable market.

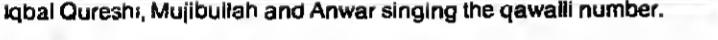
Firaith pointed out that merchants and local distributors have no interest in selling local agricultural products because they are linked to foreign exporters who pay them fixed commissions and consequently do not work to develop local products.



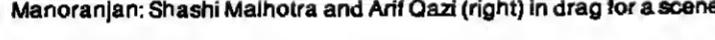
Nooruddin Bhausaheb, head of the Bohra community in Kuwait pictured with envoy Budhiraja. Photographs by Tamer Farouqi



Some of the contestants of the fancy dress contest.



Iqbal Qureshi, Mujibullah and Anwar singing the qawali number.



Manoranjan: Shashi Malhotra and Arif Qazi (right) in drag for a scene.

# Festive Eid Milan at IAC

## Indians in a holiday mood

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

ENTERTAINMENT was the theme of the Eid Milan party held for Indian Muslims at the IAC Monday night. The atmosphere was reminiscent of Eid back home: fine clothes, fine food and not a care in the world. Children munching chips flitted around the hall, adults chattered — and the singers performed on stage — presenting a medley of songs ranging from popular film music to ghazals; there was order in disorderliness and discipline in disarray.

Hundreds of people who had turned out for the party were there because they wanted to participate rather than witness, or so it seemed. So, like background music Chand Pasha, Anwar, Mujibullah and Iqbal Qureshi belted out melodies while the audiences shared in the joy that is so much part of a festive season. Although the Eid holidays were long over, people seemed to be in a holiday mood.

But when the comedy sketch Manoranjan was presented by Arif Kazi and his troupe, the audience was in stitches. The comic sketch did not have much of a storyline, but the whimsical characters and the impossible situations were jolly good. Never mind, some of the jokes were below the belt; it was all for the sake of a good laugh; and even

Aussies may vaccinate sheep for Saudis

CANBERRA, May 2. (Reuters): Australia may vaccinate millions of sheep against a form of cold sore before sending them to Saudi Arabia, which has turned away 150,000 live sheep because of the infection in the past few weeks.

Bruce Standen, managing director of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation (AMLC), told reporters today that vaccination was being considered.

"You could go a long way to minimise the incidence. But it is very much like the common cold, the way it is passed on."

Saudi Arabia rejected the sheep because they had scabby mouths, a cold infection.

### Surprise

Rejection of three shiploads of sheep surprised exporters who had believed problems over the trade, worth \$125 million (\$93 million) a year to Australia, were ended, industry sources said.

Australia suspended annual shipments of 3.5 million live sheep to Saudi Arabia for four months last year following Saudi claims they bore Blue Tongue and Sheep Pox diseases. Australia says these diseases are not in its commercial flocks.

Saudi Arabia accepted some 500,000 live sheep under new AMLC export rules which enabled trade to resume on December 21.

The AMLC said exporters were not being asked to submit shipments to Saudi Arabia.

The Australian government is working vigorously through diplomatic channels to resolve the latest problem, a government spokesman said.

## Age limit exceptions allowed in schools

THE assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for Private Education Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah has said that the ministry agreed to make exceptions to admit some children in Arab private kindergartens and primary schools who do not meet with age limitations.

He added that the ministry will exempt children who are more than five years, 4 months and 15 days (at the date of the new scholar year, next September). These children can be admitted in the first class of primary schools provided they studied at least for one year in a kindergarten. The private schools can admit only children who are more than five years and seven months old if they did not study in a kindergarten. The ministry limits the age of admission in the first class of kindergarten to 3 years and 6 months and in second class to 4 years and 6 months, he said.

### Exams

On the other hand, Sharrah pointed out that his department is preparing for the final exams that will be held at private schools in cooperation with Exams and Students Affairs Department of the ministry. He added that the ministry will use eight government schools to hold Secondary School Certificate's Exams this year for pupils of private schools. The Council of Ministers is still studying the distribution of some land allotments to citizens to build private schools to meet the increasing number of pupils in these schools. These schools will be built in different areas because 80 per cent of private schools are located in Jabiya, Nugra, Hawalli and Salimiya which causes traffic jams, the official said.

The ministry agreed on one application among eight applications submitted by citizens to get licenses to open private schools for the first time. He added that this application is the only one that meets with conditions. He expected that five new buildings of private schools will be received and start working as from next scholastic year. He said that the present administrative and technical charters of private education sector need comprehensive study and evaluation due to the latest developments during last few years. He denied that private schools suffer from a shortage of teachers.

BAHRAIN witnessed a significant influx of tourists during the Eid Al Fitr holiday, Bahrain based Al Ayyam Newspaper quoted an official at the Bahraini Tourism and Archaeology Department as saying.

He clarified that Bahrain's hotels witnessed a reservation percentage of 100 per cent, while furnished flats had been occupied at a percentage ranging between 95 per cent to

## Daily calls for solidarity

ABU DHABI, May 2, (Kuna):

The United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Bayan today called for

Arab solidarity, saying in part:

"The challenges facing the Arab nation should prompt us to act

quickly to forge a strategy to face them."

"After the holding of an emergency Arab summit in Baghdad it is confirmed, it is necessary that during the period before the summit is convened later this month that all issues are reviewed before they are included in the summit agenda."

"It is important that intensive consultations among foreign ministers and senior officials begin in order to prepare a draft for the summit resolutions that will be approved by all Arab countries."

"There is no doubt the Arab situation has greatly improved recently as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will pay his first visit to Damascus in more than 10 years at a time when there are reports about an Egyptian mediation to normalise ties between Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

"It is certain all these moves will lead to a real Arab solidarity which will enable us to confront all challenges foremost of which are the influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine."

100 per cent during the same period.

### Imports

He attributed the touristic influx phenomenon during the Eid holiday to the success realised by Bahrain in the tourism field particularly the programmes offered by the country's touristic corporations. He added that the Saudi Arabian citizens constituted the majority among tourists

followed by Kuwaitis, Qataris, British and Americans.

He clarified that the hotel reservation percentage dropped during the holy month of Ramadan and reached up to 30 per cent. A significant increase was seen by the end of the holy month which reached a peak during the second day of Eid Al Fitr.

Meanwhile Bahrain's official statistics have shown

He recommended that Kuwait Municipality adopt establishing a marketing council for vegetables and fruits as an independent authority subjected directly to the Council of Ministers. The council should represent Kuwait Municipality, Public Authority for Agriculture, Farmers Union and Union of Agricultural Cooperatives Societies.

### Shrimp ban

## Strict action against violators

THE seasonal ban on shrimp fishing went into effect as of Monday according to the director of fish resources department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, Adnan Al Rusoud.

Commenting on the authority's commitment to strictly adhere to the ban, the official said strict action will be taken against violators, including confiscating of licences either for a prescribed period or in certain circumstances permanently. He appealed to all fishermen to abide by the decision.

Rusoud disclosed that the authority has begun paying the annual subsistence to fishermen who have licensed fishing boats. The authority pays KD500 for each boat — up to a maximum of five boats for each fisherman.

On the efficacy of imposing the ban, the official said that it has achieved phenomenal results as the shrimp catch was plentiful last year and expressed the hope that the years to follow will also provide a rich catch and prices will be well within the range of consumers.

Speaking of the setting up of municipalities at the governorates, the official said that this idea was an old one and fell within the municipality policy of decentralisation.

Meanwhile, the official has disclosed that the municipality had finalised a study in respect of collective transport system, referring that the said study had been set up in co-operation with the traffic department, the Ministry of Public Works and the Public Transport Company (KPTC).

He added that the study which aims at obviating traffic congestion has suggested novel systems for collective transport. The first is based on buses for realising this objective, while the second is based on express trains to be based on railways networks covering all the areas of the country.

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# 30m jobs for Arab youth by 2000

## Debt crisis worrying

STUDIES conducted on the Arab arena suggest that given certain parameters, Arab states could provide 30 million work opportunities for Arab youth by the end of this century.

Discussing this issue, the assistant director general of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Dr Ghaleb Barakat said that studies on the issue attest to the fact that these large job opportunities

could not be realised without having large investments in new projects and could not be carried out while Arab countries are suffering from debts and rationalising expenditures.

### Contradictions

The official said that the ILO is very concerned on the international debt crisis, because debts prevent countries from carrying out new projects or the infusion of

funds that are essential to provide jobs to workers in the Third World.

He further said that the International Monetary Fund looks at the economic situation in any country from the economic position only and pays no heed to social circumstances which leads to contradictions in views between the fund and debtor countries. In this context, he said that the ILO held an important conference with international financial establish-

ments and the IMF and proposed several recommendations to solve this problem.

Barakat pointed out that the ILO is the only international organisation that has been working towards uplifting the plight of Palestinian workers in the Arab occupied territories for the past 12 years by depicting its delegations to witness firsthand their working conditions with the aim of focusing attention to their rights and social conditions.



Tapati Ray and Sharmila in traditional silk and gold brocade shalwar kameez.



Cowl pants and short tops in cool pastel silk and satin.



Rich silk and chiffon embroidered in contrast colours. The show saw an excellent variety of sarees.



Dresses in silk draped from the shoulder to the hip.

## Fashion show with a difference

By Nirmala Janssen  
Arab Times staff

EXPECTATIONS at the Indian Arts Circle Tuesday night were high. After the smashing success Sunday night of the beauty contest and fashion show, people eagerly awaited the beginning of yet another fashion show by Tapati Ray.

The evening began well with children of various private classical dance schools exhibiting their prowess and doing a super job. The dancers exhibited enthusiasm and a sense of dedication to their art.

### Range

Tapati Ray's models, unfortunately, were so wooden and expressionless that many in the audience wondered if they were dragged into the show against their will.

20 models exhibited a wonderful range of sarees and shalwar kameezes in the tradition of the various states of India. Each garment showed off the rich silks cottons and embroidery of most of India's 26 states. The section exhibiting dresses however, was reminiscent of the late sixties.

The background music of the fashion show jarred the nerves as the audience had already had their fill of Carnatic Music for one and a half hour when the children danced and more Hindustani Classical Music didn't go down too well.

Also every stage entry by the models dragged on forever as if they were buying time to give the other models a chance to dress.

Tapati could have taken her cue from Gayatri and presented her rich selection of garments to a faster beat with a livelier set of models. It must have taken Tapati a lot of effort to put the show together, especially at very short notice, but it was unfortunate that most of the audience did not see this effort in full, most left long before the show ended.

The programme is being organised to allow for individual business meetings as well as an opportunity to meet with chambers of commerce and key government decision makers.

While many of the companies recruited for the mission are seasoned exporters to the region with well developed local contacts, others will be making their first exploratory visit and seeking local representation.

The programme is organised in conjunction with Canada's Department of External Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian embassy in Kuwait. For further information about the mission, please contact the Canadian embassy, P.O. Box 25281, Safat 13113, Kuwait. Tel: (965) 256-3025, Fax: 23349. Mian Ki, Fax: (965) 256-4167.

### Aviation talks

KUWAIT, May 2. (Kuna): Director General of Kuwait's Civil Aviation Department Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah flew to Cairo today for talks with Egyptian officials on how to streamline air transport between the two countries.

In the three-day talks, Sheikh Jaber and Egyptian aviation officials will seek to amend a previous agreement so as to enable national carriers of both countries to cope with the rising demand of air passengers between Cairo and Kuwait.

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## Islamic exhibition inaugurated

KUWAIT, May 2. (Kuna): Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad yesterday evening inaugurated an exhibition of a rare collection of Islamic art objects from the Hermitage Museum of Leningrad in the Soviet Union.

In a statement to Kuna, following the inaugural ceremony, Sheikh Jaber expressed happiness over watching the rare collection of Islamic art here and described the exhibition as "a distinguished cultural event."

He said the objects on display in co-operation with Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah (Islamic Heritage House) are of great historical value and have drawn the attention of historians and artists.

The information minister hoped that Kuwait would host further exhibitions of such high cultural significance.

The one-month exhibition will be open to the public as of today and arrangements for it have been the fruit of intensive efforts by the director of the house Sheikha Hissa Sabah Al Salem.

On the other hand, a collection of objects of Islamic art from Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah will be on display at the Hermitage next July.

## Backing of 15 countries

ABU DHABI, May 2. (Kuna): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with UAE President Sheikh Saeed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan in Al Ain today for talks expected to centre on Palestine's call for an emergency Arab Summit Conference.

Palestinian sources here told Kuna Arafat will brief the UAE president on his recent meetings with several Arab heads of state whom he will be talking to during his current tour.

### Support

Palestine called for a summit to discuss the perils of the Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel and the snags blocking the Mideast peace process.

In his current marathon tour, the Palestinian leader has won the backing of 15 Arab countries for the summit which is enough for a quorum for the summit which is expected to be held in Baghdad.

The recent Israeli threats against Iraq and the Western anti-Iraqi campaign that accompanied them would also be a key summit agenda item.

Meanwhile a United Arab

President Hafez Al Assad to take part in an emergency meeting.

"Efforts are under way to patch up differences between Iraq and Syria and I hope... As-sad will participate in the Arab summit," the Emirates News Agency Wam quoted Arafat as saying on arrival in Abu Dhabi.

Syria and Iraq are ruled by rival wings of the Arab Baath Party that have been at odds for some 20 years.

Arafat has been touring Arab capitals to drum up support for the summit this month to discuss the exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel and other regional issues.

### Threat

The PLO leader did not elaborate on the efforts to reconcile Syria and Iraq, but Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Damascus today and was expected to raise the issue.

Arafat said all Arab states on his itinerary — including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Sudan, Libya, North Yemen, Iraq, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates — have said they would back the proposed summit in Baghdad.

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# Anti-smoking law supported by some

## Reverse reaction, say others

smoking." He said that a law if imposed will harm the personal freedom of smokers and he proposed that awareness is the best solution. The man stressed that the ban, if introduced, would generate reverse action and would certainly find more people willing to smoke and more smokers willing to smoke in no-smoking areas. He praised the measure adopted by the co-operative societies not to sell cigarettes to teenagers under 18 years. He emphasised that the solution for this problem lies in launching awareness campaigns to at least make parents stop smoking in front of their children.

Another man wished it could be applied in Kuwait. He said that he is an occasional smoker but added that if a law banning smoking in public places is applied in Kuwait it would end up like the cleanliness law. He said that although the law is needed particularly in hospitals, service centres, restaurants and

others, it is difficult to apply.

A non-smoker totally supported the imposition of a no-smoking law in public places. He said it's a golden opportunity for smokers willing to get rid of this bad habit. He added a law of this kind would help non-smokers also rid themselves of the hazards of cigarettes. He said that he does not like a smoker to sit near him stressing that if the law is applied people would abide by it and stop smoking.

Others who spoke on the issue stressed that a law of this kind is certainly a civilised measure. They added that banning smokers from smoking in public places, specially crowded ones will certainly please non-smokers and reduce health hazards against them. Even chain smokers who said they can't kick the habit supported the idea of banning smoking in some places like hospitals. They said that personal freedom in smoking and other work should be protected as long as it does not harm others.

MOST people agree that a law banning smoking in some areas in Kuwait would certainly relieve them from smoking hazards. At the same time, however, they admitted that enforcing such a law was too difficult. Smokers and non-smokers alike agreed that banning smoking in some public places is healthy and a wise action, but they also realised it would restrict the personal freedom of smokers. The issue of banning smoking in some public places, buses and some other areas has been a controversial issue with some people totally opposing it.

Anti-smoking campaigners want that a ban of smoking in public places should be enforced by law. Smokers on the other hand reject the idea claiming it would affect personal freedom in a free country.

### Imposition

A non-smoking man said it is difficult to impose such a law in Kuwait simply because most people "relieve themselves of psychological pressures by

## Turkish minister in Qatar

NICOSIA, May 2. (Reuter): Turkish Industry and Commerce Minister Sukru Yurur arrived in Qatar on a three-day visit to discuss setting up joint industrial projects.

The Qatari News Agency quoted Yurur as saying on arrival yesterday night that Turkey wanted good relations with Arab and Islamic states.

Yurur's talks with officials will cover co-operation in various fields including investment opportunities.

Qatar said in March it would spend 845 million riyals (\$232 million) during fiscal year 1990/91 which started in April to develop its giant North Field gas project.

## May Queen ball 1990 on May 10

GOAN WELFARE SOCIETY brings to you this summer's May Queen Ball with a new tradition.

Having the old and young at heart, the organisers have planned this popular social event with the happy combination of traditional and modern music and dance, to cater to every discerning taste. Living, ballroom, novelty and spot dance competition to the tune of Top Ranks will surely fire the champion in you while the lucky draw will keep your stars on course with an airline ticket to Europe by Bulgarian Airlines and another to Goa by Air-India. The crowning moments of the May Queen 1990 will travel sky high with another airline ticket surprise. The runners-up have compliments too.

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## Thought for today

FORTUNE is not on the side of the faint hearted — Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496 BC - 406 BC).

# Past haunting him

# Iliescu may be jettisoned

BUCHAREST, (Reuter): Romania's interim government may be forced to jettison President Ion Iliescu over his links with communism even if it wins a thumping majority in next month's elections, according to Western diplomats in Bucharest.

They believe the ruling National Salvation Front government made a crucial tactical error by opting for a presidential system when it took power in last December's revolution.

It compounded the error, they say, by selecting as president a man linked — albeit in the distant past — with the tyrannical regime of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

At a non-stop demonstration in Bucharest's University Square, now in its eighth day, the constant chant is "Jos (down with) Iliescu." Protesters wear lapel badges showing a grinning Iliescu side by side with Ceausescu.

### Protest

The picture, taken during a 1971 visit to North Korea, has become a symbol of anti-government protest from Timisoara in the west to the Black Sea port of Constanta in the east.

"Iliescu is Romania's bogeyman and he knows it," one diplomat said.

"He is an intelligent man with sincere intentions about transferring the country to a Western-style democracy. But he must realize that his opponents will not stop demonstrating even if he wins the May 20 elections with a huge majority."

The fact is that he would not be able to guarantee stability to Romania when a significant slice of the population, including large numbers of the intelligentsia, reject him outright because of his communist past."

Six weeks ago anti-Iliescu factions formalised their opposition with the Timisoara Proclamation, which calls for ban to prevent former communist activists from running for government office for the next three elections, which should be at least 10 years.

### Law

The Bucharest demonstrators say they will not leave University Square until parliament has passed the Timisoara Proclamation into law.

Although he publicly shrugs off the latest wave of anti-Iliescu mania as a tedious obsession, the president is clearly embarrassed by what he sees as an opposition conspiracy to discredit him.

At a meeting on Friday with journalists, Iliescu said he believed the protesters would become bored and go away.

But he became angry when a Romanian reporter implied that the government would eventually use force to break up the University Square demonstration, which is blocking a busy city street.

He said security forces would not be deployed and declared: "I would like to know what the police in West Germany or France would have done if a main thoroughfare in the capital had been blocked for six days by demonstrators."

Diplomats say Iliescu must also be feeling particularly



Ion Iliescu  
They mistake was imposing a president on us before we had cast our votes. How can the elections be fair when the opposition has had only four months to organise itself?"

Most diplomats and Romanian commentators believe the National Salvation Front will win a comfortable majority in next month's polls.

But can Iliescu remain as national leader if the demonstrations calling for his downfall continue unabated after May 20?

"Assuming that the opposition to Iliescu continues, the Front will have to decide whether it can keep him as a national leader or ask him to stand down for the sake of achieving stability," said one diplomat.

One of the slogans in University Square sums up the protesters' attitude. It reads "Jos clatia rosie," which roughly translates to "Down with the red pancake." It means that when you flip a communist into the air he remains a communist when he lands on the other side.

Or as another diplomat put it: "Iliescu may be a good man, but he is a neo-communist. How can a 57-year-old man re-invent himself?"

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1660 — Peace of Olivia is signed, ending war between Brandenburg, Poland, Austria and Sweden.  
1814 — France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.  
1833 — Turkey recognizes independence of Egypt and cedes Syria and Aden to Muhamed Ali.  
1841 — New Zealand is formally proclaimed a British colony.  
1849 — Prussians suppress revolt in Dresden.  
1859 — France declares war on Austria.  
1898 — Bread riots erupt in Milan, Italy, and are crushed with heavy loss of life.  
1917 — British launched fresh attacks at Arras, France, to break Hindenburg line in World War I.  
1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.  
1963 — Government crisis in Syria threatens recently agreed-upon union of Syria, Iraq and United Arab Republic.  
1972 — Turkish guerrillas hijack Turkish plane and land in Sofia, Bulgaria.  
1988 — Amnesty International accuses Afghan and Soviet forces of killing refugees trying to flee war in Afghanistan into neighbouring Pakistan.  
1989 — Chile's right-wing military government abandons plans for democratic reforms.

## House supports Jerusalem as Israel's capital

# Mideast resolution stirs trouble

WASHINGTON, (UPI): A few voices of reason and responsibility were heard last week when the House took up the resolution declaring support for occupied Jerusalem's status as capital of Israel, but they were overwhelmed by the majority's inclination to act like a herd of sheep.

Never mind that they had been warned of the trouble the resolution already was causing in the Middle East. The House of Representatives would not be denied its opportunity to meddle.

The Senate, without paying a lot of attention to what it was doing, adopted a similar resolution in March. Shortly afterward, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole made a quick tour of the Middle East where he was surprised to find how angry the Arabs were about the resolution.

### Wrong

When he returned, Dole made the remarkable admission that he had been wrong to support the resolution and he urged the Senate to more carefully consider its actions in the future.

The House was well aware of the controversy that swirled around the resolution and the warnings about the impact it could have on Mideast peace efforts. The leadership could have discreetly shelved the resolution, as is done with so many other measures, but instead it was brought up for a vote.

During debate on the resolution, a few members tried to make the House face the reality of what it was doing.

Representative David Obey, Democrat-Wisconsin, who personally supports occupied Jerusalem as the capital, said the House should be quiet on the issue.

"We are not always required to institutionally and collectively voice every opinion we have ... especially when the voicing of that opinion at an inopportune moment can do more harm than good."

"No one's interest is served by unnecessarily inflaming the dialogue at this moment, not Israel's, not America's, not anyone else's," Obey said.

One protester, a middle-aged graduate engineer, said: "There would have been no dissent if the country had been run by a committee prior to the elections."

And he noted the measure came up amid reports that the Israeli government, contrary to its pledges, was secretly aiding settlements in the Christian sector of occupied Jerusalem.

"Given the recent events in Jerusalem, this resolution will be seen ... as an affront to the Arab community ... it will undermine the efforts of those

## AT A GUERRILLA CAMP IN PERU...



in the Arab community who are trying so hard to build support (for US peace proposals)," Bonior said.

House Republican leader Robert Michel of Illinois also said it was a mistake to bring up the resolution.

Unfortunately, Michel could not bring himself to vote against the measure, but he conceded that "if we really want to help Israel, and help the cause of peace in the Middle East, this is not a particularly good way to go about it."

Passage of the resolution was out in doubt, however, and it was adopted on a vote of 378-34.

The response was immediate in the Middle East where warnings were issued by Islamic leaders that the resolution could endanger the hoped-for release

of American hostages.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater warned of "unintended consequences" of such resolutions and said Congress "needs to consider their resolutions more seriously than in the past."

House rules provide generous opportunities for members to express their opinions — one-minute speeches at the start of the day, hour-long speeches at the end, and all on television for viewers back in the home district.

But that is not enough and the lawmakers insist on adopting resolutions telling other people and governments what to do. Such measures rarely offer constructive proposals for solving international problems. More often than not they just aggravate and alienate one or more of the parties involved.

# Truth on Katyn victims demanded

## 'Stalin ordered the murders'

WARSAW, (Reuter): Miroslaw Rubas was six when Soviet NKVD secret police came and took his father away. More than 50 years later, Rubas may finally learn where he was taken and how he died.

Moscow admitted in April that Stalin's NKVD murdered thousands of captured Polish officers during World War II.

But Rubas, like many members of the Federation of Katyn Families to which he belongs, still wants to know what really happened after that night in 1939.

"Three NKVD men with guns, in civilian clothes, came to our house. My mother was crying. They said they were only taking him for a few minutes and he'd come back. I was a child and I believed them. I didn't cry," Rubas remembered.

### Searched

"My mother searched through the Red Cross in Poland and Geneva, and we received a letter saying they couldn't find him anywhere. I think he died in Ostashkov, but I don't know for sure."

Ostashkov was one of three Soviet prison camps to which 15,000 captured Polish officers were sent after Stalin and Hitler carved up Poland in 1939. Some 11,000 were never heard of again.

The bodies of the remaining 4,000 were found by invading Nazi Germans in April 1943 in mass graves at Katyn forest in the western Soviet Union.

Each had been shot in the back of the head. A few also had bayonet wounds, and some had sawdust stuffed in their mouths to prevent them shouting out. Many of them had their hands tied behind their backs.

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The Katyn families believe that documents handed to President Wojciech Jaruzelski last month by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may shed further light on the killings.

### Died

Many would like to know the date and place where their relatives died. They want the bodies of the missing victims to be found and given a decent burial, and their graves to become place of pilgrimage.

Katyn was a taboo subject in Poland for many years, and some were jailed for "anti-Soviet propaganda" for claiming the killings on Moscow. When the families' federation was founded in 1988, most newspapers refused to give it publicity.

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The last problem was the way the fasting Muslims are portrayed in the last section of the article. Of course, there are people who do fit the portrayal, but it is certainly not the ideal, and all Muslims are urged to continue their lives in as close to a normal way as possible. Also, a Muslim who is truly fasting for the sake of Allah, will become infinitely more patient, more productive than usual, and will definitely not gorge himself during the night. It is obvious that if people do not act that way then they have missed the whole idea of fasting in the first place.

that, during the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims abstain from "eating, drinking, pleasures of the flesh, and all sorts of evils" implying that this all ended on Eid Al Fit. I'm sure that it wasn't the intention of the article to imply that during the rest of the year all sorts of evils are allowable, but that is how it seemed. So, I just want to make it clear that Muslims are supposed to be moderate in food, drink (non-alcoholic, of course) and sex, and must always refrain from the other "evils" (such as lying, cheating, breaking promises, etc, etc) to the best of their abilities.

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The second article was about a famous Pakistani vocalist who performed in Japan recently.

Performances In the article it was stated that "qawwali" are "soul-stirring traditional Muslim praise songs". Well, there are no such things in Islam. What stirs the heart and soul of a Muslim is the Quran and what is contained in it, and the traditions of the Prophet and what is contained in them: i.e. belief in Allah, fear of disobeying or displeasing Allah, and desire to go to

paradise and stay away from the hell-fire.

The mention of "hypnotic beat" clues us immediately to the fact that such performances are not Islamic, as, in Islam, Muslims must always be fully aware of everything around them, and anything (except sleep, etc, etc), that makes one forget oneself, or that which mesmerises is thus to be avoided.

It was also mentioned in the article that "the qawwali" yodelled like the best singer of the Holy Quran ... "The Quran is not 'sung', it is recited. On the surface some people may think that there is no difference between the melodious quality of the voice during proper recitation, but it is most definitely not during as singing.

The comment which made the whole thing obvious was the statement that the music of the group is derived from Islamic tradition of "Sufism". Well, first of all, Sufism originally did have some roots in Islam, as did Shi'ism and other sects, and these sects still contain many similarities to Islam; but, anyone who researches Sufism will quickly see that Sufi's beliefs go against basic Islamic teachings, and thus cannot be considered truly within the fold of Islam. Yes, such "hypnotic music" is a common thing in Sufism, but it has no place in Islam.

Again, I urge all press services, as well as newspapers, magazines, and all the media, in general, to please stop spreading falsehoods, and misleading or derogatory statements about Islam, especially here in Kuwait, a Muslim country.

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"The government also insists on a clear and unambiguous commitment to peaceful methods for political change, implying the abandonment of violence and intimidation and a cessation of references to continuing the armed struggle." — South African Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen on negotiations with blacks.

"I know that the first goal will go down in history, but I prefer the third one which gave us a draw. It showed on Saturday that we are superior — look at our five consecutive League titles." — A Real Madrid defender after Real set a record of more than 100 goals in a season.

"I've learned not to speculate on the hostages for the reasons I keep explaining. I just won't say anything. If that proves to be true, that's wonderful." — Bush then about Reed's possible release.

"Never mind, we'll win at home in midweek against St Pauli. Victory will be all the sweeter there." — Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes after a goalless draw with Leverkusen.

"The capital that must go into (East Germany) will come from all over the world. The Japanese will invest a lot in the country." — A West German official on the hope of offsetting inflation after the current merger between East and West Germany.

"It's not easy to win the championship in Naples. It's not easy to work here. But I feel this is now m... city and I'm happy here." — Maradona after leading Napoli to the Italian football league championship.

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## E. Germany

# Southerners feel short-changed

GLAUCHAU, East Germany, (Reuter): After voting for conservatives who promised a financial bonanza in German unity,



### Kashmiri militants

Kashmiri militants practise Kalashnikov assault rifles at a secret training site north of Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan's Azad Kashmir region on April 28.

Pakistan denies siding militants fighting against New Delhi's rule in Indian Kashmir, but the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front says it is doing some of its training in Azad Kashmir. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Pakistan stand exposed

### Kashmir militants shown training

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan, May 2, (Reuter): Kashmir militants, scared until now to admit they were training guerrillas inside Pakistan to fight Indian rule of their homeland, have blown away the smokescreen.

Emboldened by their growing strength and numbers, some talk freely about where they get their arms and have shown Western journalists guerrilla recruits getting basic weapons training in the section of Kashmir controlled by Pakistan.

## Tamils murder police official

COLOMBO, May 2, (UPI): Three Tamils killed a Sinhalese police officer aboard a train in northeastern Sri Lanka in the fifth "tamil" incident of its kind since the March 26 completion of the Indian troop withdrawal, military and police officials said yesterday.

Police Inspector-General Ernest Perera, speaking to reporters in Colombo, charged the killers belonged to the defunct Tamil National Army, a militia created by New Delhi in a failed attempt to maintain a pro-Indian government in Tamil-dominated north-eastern province after its troops returned home.

A senior military official said the incident occurred at about 9:45 pm Monday aboard a train on which about 40 police officers under transfer orders were travelling from the northern Jaffna peninsula to Colombo.

The train was approaching Pallai, about 200 miles (320 km) northeast of Colombo, when three Tamils attacked a police officer as he entered the dining car to obtain a glass of water, the official said.

The assailants first shot the officer and then stabbed him, he added. He said authorities were not sure of the motive for the killing.

The three attackers fled from the train when it stopped in Pallai, but were later captured by members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the powerful Tamil militant group that studied Indian attempts to destroy it and assumed control of north-eastern province after New Delhi's troops departed.

The Liberation Tigers turned the three over to a police station at Elephant Pass, the official said.

It was the first incident of its kind reported since the Indian army withdrew after more than two years of fruitless efforts to smash the Liberation Tigers and mature a provincial administration of the rival Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front.

The Tamil National Army, made up mostly of the Liberation Front's cadres, was created by New Delhi to preserve the administration. But members of both went underground or fled to India to escape retribution from the Liberation Tigers prior to the March 26 departure of the last units of New Delhi's 60,000-man force.

The Liberation Tigers and the Liberation Front participated in a civil war waged by Indian-backed minority Tamil rebels for independence for the province from the central government, which is dominated by majority Buddhist Sinhalese.

India deployed its troops under a July 1987 accord aimed at ending the civil war by conferring greater self-government on the province.

### Oilfield workers strike in Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan, May 2, (Reuter): A wildcat protest strike hit oilfields in Pakistan's southern province of Sind today after bandits, failing to collect ransom money, killed four worker hostages, police said.

Several thousand workers, protesting against the killings, stopped work at 20 oil wells.

The workers demanded protection from bandits operating from forest hideouts.

The bandits had demanded six million rupees (\$275,000) in ransom from the state-run oil and gas corporation employer of the workers. The four were kidnapped on March 24.

## Kaifu for dialogue to resolve issues

DHAKA, May 2, (UPI): Japan's Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu said yesterday the problems facing Asian nations as in Kashmir and Cambodia should be resolved through dialogue and co-operation.

"At a time when confrontation is giving way to dialogue in East Asia, new areas should be laid to dialogue and co-operation," Kaifu was quoted as saying by Shigeo Takane, spokesman for the Japanese prime minister. Takane briefed reporters at the end of two hours of official talks between Kaifu and President Hosni Mubarak.

Kaifu, who began his five-nation tour with a promise to play a larger role in the development of Asian countries through economic co-operation, and assistance to them, is aimed at alleviating fears among Asian nations that Japan is shifting its economic resources to South East Asia.

"When we were politically weak, Pakistan stopped us and put us behind bars, but now we have public pressure behind us it is very difficult for Pakistan to stand up to the Pakistan government," he said.

The day before, the JKLF's Muzaffarabad chief Raja Muzaffar Khan said he believed the Kashmiri militants were becoming strong enough to stand up to the Pakistan government.

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At one JKLF house in the city two bullet-holed targets mounted on wooden stakes were lying on mounds of bedding for some of the thousands of young men who have trekked across the mountains to Azad Kashmir in recent weeks.

At least 4,000 are concentrated in Muzaffarabad, most living in houses and camps organised by the nine militant groups that last weekend agreed to a joint strategy against India.

Since January, when the secessionist movement flared into open revolt, more than 300 people have died in Indian Kashmir.

Officials on both sides fear a surge of militant activity will come with the melting of the snow that caps the peaks around Muzaffarabad and covers the infiltration routes.

The militant groups emphasise they have no links with the Pakistani government, army or intelligence services, but happily explain how they buy weapons in the arms bazaars of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province.

The weapons are then smuggled into Indian Kashmir.

Kaifu announced a fresh pledge of \$1.2 billion (about \$100 million) in loans to Bangladesh for 1990-91.

He assured Bangladesh of Japanese help in controlling the annual floods that ravage the country.

### Nepal constitution

## King's powers cut

KATHMANDU, May 2, (UPI): The absolute powers of King Birendra will be curtailed under a new constitution that will also enfranchise 18-year-olds to vote, a measure likely to benefit the communists, Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai said today.

"The unlimited powers of the king have proven (to be) dangerous for the country," Bhattarai told a meeting of journalists who were arrested during the movement for greater democracy. "The king is aware of this and I am confident he will not oppose the idea."

A constitution drafting committee, yet to be formed, will produce a new chart to replace the 29-year-old partyless Panchayat system overthrown in April after seven weeks of demonstrations and strikes. Bhattarai's Nepali Congress Party and the United Left Front, comprising seven communist parties, have formed a provisional government.

The constitution will be completed three months after the formation of the drafting committee, the prime minister said.

CALCUTTA, May 2, (Reuter): He kills by dropping a huge stone on his sleeping victims, making Calcutta the "City of Dreadful Night," even more fearful.

Called the "Stoneman," the stealthy killer has prowled India's largest city since last June and police say he has claimed 11 victims, all impoverished street dwellers, crushing their skulls and escaping into the darkness.

So far a special 100-member police task-force and vigilante groups of pavement

### From Italian plane

## Missile falls

RIMINI, Italy, May 2, (UPI): A sidewinder air-to-air missile fell from an Italian air force fighter plane yesterday, narrowly missing heavy traffic on the Adriatic coast road, police reported.

The missile was not primed and did not explode when it hit a small hill near the Adriatic beach resort of Marina di Ravenna, some 30 miles (50 km) south of Rimini, where the aircraft was based.

It passed low over the nearby coastal highway which was clogged with May Day traffic when the missile hit the ground around 5 pm yesterday.

Air force investigators said the accident was almost certainly caused by the rupture of a metal bracket holding the missile under the wing of the warplane, an F104S from a fighter squadron based at Rimini, in northern Italy.

The air force appointed an inquiry commission to determine the exact cause of the mishap, which they said was the first case of a missile falling from an air force fighter in Italy.

The aircraft was one of two returning to Rimini from a training flight along the Adriatic coast when the missile fell from its wing, an air force statement said.

**Bitter letter:** Colombian drug smuggler Carlos Lehder has written a bitter letter to former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega urging him to plead guilty and reminding him of the drug traffickers he informed on before he fell out of favour with the United States.

"Your lawyers will concoct fairy tales to get your gold," Lehder said in the April 18 letter.

"You should wisely confer with your old allies and formalise a declaration of guilt."

Lehder, 40, is serving a life term plus 135 years at the federal penitentiary in Marion, Illinois, for smuggling more than three tons of cocaine into the United States. He was convicted in May 1986.

Noriega, 51, is at the Metropolitan Correction Centre south of Miami awaiting trial on cocaine trafficking and money laundering charges. (UPI)

**US citizen kidnapped:** The State Department confirmed on Wednesday that a US citizen was kidnapped last Saturday by Colombian guerrillas in Ecuador.

The man was identified by family members as Scott Heimdal.

According to Phil Covington, of the State Department's consular affairs bureau, Heimdal, who worked for an Ecuadorian gold-mining company, was travelling by motorized canoe on the River Bermejo, close to the Colombian border, on the way to the town of La Puna.

A group of armed men attacked the canoe carrying Heimdal and four Ecuadorian employees of the mining company, at 4 pm on Saturday, killing one person and wounding another.

One Ecuadorian taken captive with Heimdal was later released.

Covington said the Ecuadorian military forces are searching the area for the armed men. (UPI)

**Latin American art auction:** A painting by a Spanish-born Mexican woman artist who died in 1963 set a new world auction record for a work by a Latin American artist.

"Toward the Tower," a surreal work by Remedio Varo, who died in 1963 at the age of 52, was sold at Christie's auction house on Tuesday for \$825,000, breaking the standing record for a Latin American artist. The previous record of \$715,000 was set by Fernando Botero's "Protestant Family," purchased at Christie's last November by entrepreneur Andy Williams.

The Varo oil, painted in 1961 and possibly a religious satire, depicts a Roman Catholic nun on a bicycle leading a group of hypnotized novices out of a beehive-like convent. It was consigned to sale by an anonymous Mexico City art collector and purchased by an unidentified bidder. (AP)

**Sizzling spring day:** Britain was set for another sizzling spring day on Wednesday, after the hottest May Day on record yesterday.

Louiseham in Scotland basked on Tuesday in temperatures of 27.4 centigrade — the warmest May Day anywhere since records began in the UK in 1975.

It topped the previous best of 26.7 centigrade recorded in London in 1966.

And after the sunniest April ever in Britain, bookmakers here are shortening the odds on the highest temperature ever recorded in the country being smashed this summer. (Kuna)

### Stop fellows!



### Car set on fire

An unidentified person hurries along a burning car set on fire by young rowdies who went on rampage after a peaceful May Day demonstration in West Berlin's city zone Kranzberg. Police arrested 135 people. (Reuter wirephoto)



### Ginsberg in Prague

Prasident Vaclav Havel speaks to legend Beat-Generation, American poet Allen Ginsberg who is on a visit to Prague after 25 years. In 1965 he became the king of the student's festival of May Day.

### Phallic symbols

## Thais alarmed

BANGKOK, May 2, (Reuter): Thai men are hanging red-tipped phalluses outside their homes and dressing in women's frocks at night to ward off an evil spirit blamed for a bountiful of mysterious deaths, the Bangkok Post said today.

The daily newspaper said the symbols had appeared in at least seven northeastern provinces after a wave of deaths among Thai men both at home and abroad.

The Liberian president, whose troops already have been accused of killing hundreds of civilians, also said last week that his men have been exercising caution up to now. The US Congress has adopted a resolution condemning Doe's government for the civilian killings. (AP)

### Savimbi proposes urgent talks

Angola's Unita rebel leader Jonas Savimbi proposed on Tuesday urgent peace talks with President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos in Portugal or Zaire to end 15 years of civil war.

"President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos should, in this grave hour afflicting the country, talk directly and urgently with Jonas Savimbi in Portugal or Kinshasa," said a statement signed by Savimbi and issued to the Portuguese News Agency Lusa.

It said Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) recognised Dos Santos as head of state — but would not recognise the Marxist government as demanded by Luanda. (Reuter)

### Zaire denies deaths

Opposition sources claimed Tuesday that five people were killed during police infiltration of a demonstration of support for opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi but the government strongly denied that anyone died in the incident.

In Brussels, Omar N'Kamba, foreign relations secretary of the Zairean Union for Democracy and Social Progress, told UPI that the opposition leader, his wife and another party leader have not been held since the incident outside the home of Tshisekedi on Sunday.

The three were beaten and five other people were killed and 15 injured during the demonstration, according to N'Kamba quoting telephone calls to party supporters in Kinshasa. (UPI)

### Mugabe promises land, peace

President Robert Mugabe on Wednesday ushered in Zimbabwe's second decade of independence with a pledge to a new Parliament to give land to the people and bring home troops from Mozambique as soon as possible.

Land is an emotive issue in Zimbabwe where some 4,000 white farmers own over half the most fertile land and more than eight million blacks are overcrowded on mostly arid land.

The president, who has ruled since Zimbabwe gained independence in 1980, promised to alter the constitution to make it quicker and easier to redistribute land to those who needed it. (Reuter)

### Killer 'stoneman' still prowls Calcutta streets

## Police baffled; killing by dropping stone on sleeping victim

Dwellers have failed to apprehend the "Stoneman" who has left behind not a single clue to his identity — no fingerprints, no footprints and no one to describe him.

"There are no eyewitnesses to the crime. All we can say is that he is probably heavily built and capable of carrying a 25 to 30 kg (55 to 65 pound) stone," said deputy police commissioner Prasun Mukherjee, in charge of the city's detectives.

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So far the "Stoneman" has selected his victims mainly in central Calcutta near the city's busy Sealdah Railway Station. He killed his last victim in February, police said.

His first victim was a woman in her 30s who was killed last June in the early morning while her husband left her sleeping on the pavement to get a cup of tea.

He has also killed two teen-aged boys.

Most of his victims were sleeping in secluded spots but his 10th, a 35-year-old

woman, was killed outside the crowded office of the Ananda Bazar Patrika newspaper.

Reporters leaving the office late at night found her body lying in a pool of blood, her skull crushed by a rock.

Police were baffled because the area is always congested with people entering or leaving the newspaper office.

Police have interviewed psychiatrists who believe the "Stoneman" is a psychopathic killer.

## EVENTS

## PPC's traditional Eid Milan party



PAKISTAN People's Club Kuwait held its traditional Eid Milan party for their families and children at the Meridien Hotel on Eid Day.

The gala programme, conducted by Yunus Chaudhry and assisted by Salim Pervaiz, consisted many games for the children, ladies as well as gents. Winners were awarded with valuable gifts and all were served to a buffet dinner.

Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesar, president of PPC and Rafique Ahmed Mirza, secretary of the club wished all members a very happy Eid Al Fitr. Dr Mahesar also read out Eid message, received from Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and Begum Nusrat Bhutto and thanked all the members for their support in organising this colourful programme.

Pictures show (top) a group photograph of participating families with Rafique Mirza (first from left) and (below) children's balloon bursting event in process.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Boushahri Gallery**  
AN exhibition of paintings by eight Arab artists will be held at the Boushahri Gallery, North Salma Bldg., Salen Al Mubarak St., from May 7. The month-long exhibition is being held under the patronage of Dr Hassan Ali Ibrahim. Some of the artists who will exhibit their works include Jafar Islah, Jafar Kaki, Rashed Diyab, Dia Al Azzawi and Saleh Jameel. It will be open to the public for a month. Timings: 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm.

**Islamic Art**  
We have the pleasure to announce the opening of the "Masterpieces of Islamic art from the Hermitage and from the Dagestan Museums" to which you are cordially invited on Tuesday May 1, 1990 at 5.00 pm at Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah.

The exhibition will be on display only (except Saturdays) from May 1 until May 31, 1990.

## SOCIAL

**Hyderabad—Festival Cricket**  
A FESTIVAL cricket match between veterans of Hyderabad will be played on the sports day in connection with the 400th anniversary of Hyderabad Deccan at Juleeb Al Shuyukh ground (behind Juleeb Al Shuyukh Cinema) on 4th May, 1990 from 2 to 5 pm. All the players listed in the teams below are requested to be present on the ground in their kits. For further details please contact Tel: 4842578, 4843481, 5311443.

**Golkonda XI:** 1. Aqueel (captain); 2. Dr N.V. Naidu (Vice-captain); 3. Zakiuddin; 4. Rafik Ahmad; 5. Barkatulla; 6. Zabeer Burni; 7. Dr. Syriwan; 8. Sajjad Ali; 9. Farhanullah; 10. Bashir Khan; 11. Mujeebuddin; 12. Dr. Raoof; 13. Anees A. Khan; 14. Tazher.

**Chairman XI:** 1. Dr. Riaz R. Khan (captain); 2. Dr. Shafeek Khan (vice-captain); 3. Irfan; 4. Ali Hyder; 5. Nayem Burni; 6. Mukarram Khan; 7. Mujeebullah Mukarrum; 8. Tariq Hyder; 9. Mohd H. Khan; 10. Mirza; 11. Iman; 12. Hossdar Khan; 13. Akbar Ali Khan.

**Daniella Dhow Trip**  
Daniella invites all Danes to go on a dhow trip on Friday, May 4. For registration please call Jytte on Tel: 2449610 before April 22.

## Weekend on KTV

THE Kuwait Television programme Weekend returns this season with a fresh approach to presenting local events. This week's programme will be shown on KTV2 at 9.30 pm on Friday, May 4. Highlights include a feature on Kis's fish breeding farm and an interview with an expert on calligraphy and Quranic writings; plus a visit to the new Quran section at the Tareq Rajab Museum.

## German-Speaking Cultural Association

THE next coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held at 10 am on Sunday, May 6, at the Kuwait International Hotel. Latest information and plans would be announced. All German-speakers are requested to make an effort to attend. All are welcome.

## Malayalee forum

**MALAYALEE** Law Graduates Forum. The next meeting of Malayalee Law Graduates' Forum will be held on 4-5-1990, Friday evening. Advocate Jameela Ibrahim, the leading practicing advocate and social worker from Quilon, Kerala state will be the chief guest. The forum decided to step up its activities by providing advises to expatriates on Indian legal matters. The forum will continue the discussion on Indian income tax in its next meeting. All Malayalee law graduates are welcome. For further information please contact, P.O. Thomas Panner, 4332713, Samuel John 2429285, Philip Thampan 244808.

## Daniella Dhow Trip

FOR reasons beyond the control of the Daniella Club, the Dhow trip for Danes has been postponed till Friday, May 18, at 10 am. For reservations call Jytte Tel: 2449610 before May 5.

## Oriental carpets

DISPLAY of Oriental carpets—old and new—will be held on Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4, from 10 am to 4 pm, House No. 7, Street No. 7, Sector 1, Surra. Tel: 5326833.

## Guardian Angel Club

The Guardian Angel Club take great pleasure in announcing their Konkani drama entitled "Ostorecho Mog" (Woman's Love) directed by Remi J. Colaco, on June 8, 1990, at the IAC. Goan Charlie Chaplin—Janicot Vaz, Ophelia, H. Britton and Sebby Coutinho are among the other well known Goan cast.

## TV PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening & Holy Quran  
1.15 Cartoon serial  
9.15 Songs  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.10 Daily Arabic serial  
11.15 Cultural programme - Open university  
12.15 Local variety programme - Naghm  
1.00 news in brief  
1.05 World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
1.45 Local variety programme  
2.00 Songs  
2.45 Cultural programme  
3.45 Local variety programme - Liqa Al

5.00 Cartoons  
6.00 Historical serial - Muslim Judges  
7.00 With the students programme  
8.00 Local programme - All Arts  
8.30 Religious programme  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Daily Arabic serial  
10.35 Arabic feature film: Kheyana. Starring: Sameer Sabri  
12.15 Songs  
1.15 News in brief  
1.20 World Today via Satellite  
1.45 Closedown.  
**FRIDAY**  
9.00 Opening & Holy Quran  
Cartoons

9.45 Children serial  
10.00 Songs  
10.15 Children magazine  
11.00 Religious programme  
11.15 Friday prayers  
12.30 Local variety programme-Alwan  
1.00 News in brief  
1.05 World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
1.30 Religious talk  
2.15 Weekly programme - Estrahat Al Juma  
4.00 Arabic serial  
5.00 Cartoon serial  
6.00 Kuwait in a week programme  
6.30 Weekly programme preview  
7.00 Cultural programme  
8.45 Family programme  
9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Daily Arabic serial  
10.30 A variety programme  
11.45 News in brief  
11.50 World Today via Satellite closedown  
**KTV 2**  
6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 Police Academy. A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Mr Wizard's World. A variety of magic acts, illusions and scientific experiments... training children on how to use or deal with information.  
7.00 Wild America. Marmot Mountain. A look

## ACT's 'Voyages'

ACT wants to help you get in the mood for your summer travel plans by presenting a unique dramatic presentation on Thursday May 10. Destination: the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School, Jabiya. No need to pack passports, luggage, or visas, just bring your appetite for listening, laughing and a light buffet.

Hang on to your seats as you voyage across the world and throughout time with your travelling companions Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, Antoine de St. Exupery, Idris Shab, E.E. Cummings, Chaucer, Walt Whitman and Wilfred Thesiger to name a few. You'll also venture where no one has gone before with Lewis Carroll, Kurt Vonnegut and Douglas Adams.

This readers' theatre production, ACT's season finale, incorporates poetry, prose, and music. Selections range from lush and romantic to outrageously funny, to bittersweet.

Michael Thomas, last seen in ACT's "When the Wind Blows" has been a driving force in developing "Voyages" and hopes audience response will warrant other readings next year. Together with fellow ACT actors, he has been reading, selecting, editing, scripting and orchestrating the material. Along with Thomas, readers include Cynthia and Stephen Lloyd, Duke Estes and Mary Anne Plautz.

So if you're a tourist (armchair or otherwise), traveller, adventurer or merely curious passenger on this great, global Ship of Fools, "Voyages" is a one-night-only journey you won't want to miss. See "What's On" for details.



## PPYA's Eid Milan party

The Pakistan People's Youth Association, Kuwait, recently held an Eid Milan party for its workers at a local restaurant in which Akhtar Khan, second secretary at Pakistan embassy, Kuwait was the chief guest. The president of the association Syed Saleem Ahbas, addressing the gathering, prayed for the prosperity and solidarity of Pakistan and paid tribute to the freedom-fighters of Palestine, Kashmir and Afghanistan.

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.38 am
Zohr	11.45
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.26
Isha	7.49
Friday	
Fajr	3.37 am
Zohr	11.45
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.26
Isha	7.50

## CINEMA

Al Andulus	Arabic film
Al Salimiyah	Hall booked
Al Hamra	Born Killer
Drive-in	Arabic film
Al Firdous	Gharana
Ghara	Fahsheel Open
Eswar	Fahsheel
Al Jabra	Geraftar
Arabic film	Granada
Al Salibikhat	Hall booked
Oru Vivada Visbayam	Jeeb
Aas Paas	Almasi Drive-in
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stop excitement from 12 noon to 3.00 pm.  
All details at 2530000 ext. 8039 or 8040.

**Kuwait Sheraton** - RICCARDO Restaurant:

The Riccardo restaurant with its famous Italian cuisine will be open for lunch and live entertainment with "Franco and Regina" every night.

**Hunt Room**: The famous Hunt Room restaurant offers some of the best meat and fish preparation for lunch and dinner with live entertainment nightly.

**Le Tarbouche**: Open for lunch and dinner. Le Tarbouche offers wide selection of hot and cold buffet dishes for families and friends.

**Al Hamra**: Enjoy the Arabian Night theme at the Al Hamra with delicious Arabic dishes buffet style, nightly entertainment with Gli Amici and singer Maha.

## Konkani Theatre

**MAY 10-11:** Rosfers and his 15 member troupe arrive from Goa to present two Konkani dramas namely new release Ninx at 7 pm (May 10) and repeated at 4 pm (May 11) and diamond jubilee completed Beiman Tum at 10.30 am on May 11 at Granada Cinema, Khetan. Contrary to reports circulating, THIS IS NOT A LOCAL SHOW and Rosfers, popularly known as Goa's King of Centuries should not be mistaken for one local identical namesake in Kuwait. Tickets available at Raja Stores Tel. 2412970, Tony 5653056, Wilson 3726038, Manuel/Rommel 4816836, Rocky 3924159, Val 5614506 and Alex Martins. An Expatriate Club presentation.

## HOTELS

**Kuwait International Hotel**  
FAILAKA: Offers a celebration menu. Promises to be a gourmet's delight. Special Arabic appetizer and desert buffet with a choice of soups and main courses. Live entertainment too.

**LA PALMA**: Eid gala brunch buffet for lunch and extensive Arabic buffet for dinner with oriental band.

**LA PALMA POOL**: Surprise barbecue for lunch with jazz band.

**GARDEN POOL**: Superb Kuhli Khan Mongolian barbecue. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate.

**LA PATISSERIE**: Oriental sweets buffet with tea and coffee. Plenty of take-away too.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**: Star of the show "AFL" will land with its spaceship at the Kuwait International Games, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Kiddie Castle will provide nonstop entertainment.

**Kuwait Rugby**: BMW Rugby Sevens Tournament Thursday, May 3, 2.00 pm onwards. All players and spectators welcome.

**Thursday, May 17: 3rd Annual Fun-Run**

Thursday June 6, Oval Ball.

If you would like details, information on any of these please contact: S. Hill 5391720, G. Adams 5644533, R. House 5638435.

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## Jordan to get Kuwait Fund loan

AMMAN, May 2. (Agencies): The Jordanian Industrial Development Bank is to receive a loan of \$16.5 million from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for financing projects in the private sector.

The agreement was signed here at the weekend by Jordan's Minister of Planning, Aouni Al Masri, and for the Fund by its director-general, Bader Al Humaidi, now here on a visit.

The latest loan brings the total amount lent by the Fund to Jordan to \$37.75 million.

The 17-year credit, which includes a grace period of five years, is to be repaid in 24 installments at an annual interest rate of 3.5 per cent plus administrative costs.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian International Co-operation Ministry today disbursed a Kuwaiti loan to the Egyptian Iron and Steel Company to develop and boost its factories' production.

The company's board chairman Dr Ali Heimli Ali signed an agreement with the ministry's first undersecretary for Afro-Arab Co-operation Saad Bayumi by which the KD10 million loan, extended by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to the ministry, was reloaned to the company.

Bayumi said that the company will utilize that loan in developing a number of production lines in addition to purchasing modern electric and electronic equipment to increase steel production.

The project is expected to be completed by second half of 1992. The Kuwaiti Fund had loaned Egypt another KD10 million to develop its pharmaceutical industry and KD7 million to finance plans for protecting the Rashid coast.

## American economic index up

WASHINGTON, May 2. (Reuter): The US index of leading indicators, the government's main barometers of future economic trends, rose 0.9 per cent in March, nearly reversing a sharp decline a month earlier, the Commerce Department said today.

The March gain in the index, which is designed to reveal the direction of the economy in six to nine months' time, followed a 1.0 per cent drop in February and was in line with the expectations of Wall Street economists.

Recent reports have shown that the economy is not as weak as previously believed, with gross national product growing at a 2.1 per cent annual rate in the first three months of the year.

The manufacturing economy in particular has shown surprising vigour recently as industrial production rose solidly in March and the National Association of Purchasing Management index of economic activity reversed an 11-month decline in April and rose to its highest level in a year.

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Indian rupee	17,010
Sri Lankan rupee	7,420
Pakistani rupee	13,540
Bangladeshi taka	8,530
US dollar	29,955
Pound sterling	48,325
UAE dirham	8,0900
Deutsche mark	17,470
Japanese yen	001863

## UN agrees on economic plan to help Third World

UNITED NATIONS, May 2. (Reuter): The UN General Assembly yesterday adopted a landmark declaration aimed at boosting the economies of poor countries while acknowledging the importance of human rights and the environment.

It was the first time in decades the 160-member body agreed on principles for economic co-operation designed to guide future development programmes at the United Nations as well as in other forums.

The document, approved by consensus at the end of a special nine-day session, also backs efforts to integrate the new-born democracies of Eastern Europe into the world economy.

But it stresses this must not detract from the high priority placed on cooperation with the developing countries.

The document commits major indus-

trial countries to work towards sustained economic growth, lower interest rates, stable exchange rates and accessible markets.

Developed nations, in turn, are to work towards controlling inflation, promoting domestic and foreign investment, modernising their economies and increasing international competitiveness.

The environment is singled out for special emphasis, with developed nations urged to release additional economic resources to poorer countries and find ways of providing them with environmentally-sound technologies.

Although hailed by speakers as a major achievement, many countries stressed that the declaration represented a compromise that failed to satisfy development.

But US delegate Edward Marks said: "We are all aware that perfection is found only in heaven and a document of this complexity and importance

must inevitably be a compromise."

The United States disassociated itself with a target for industrial nations to devote 0.7 per cent of their gross national product to official development aid and 0.15 per cent to the least developed countries.

While the European Economic Community approved of this goal, only four states to date — the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway — have honoured it.

Given in the declaration was any call for a radical redistribution of the world's wealth made at a similar conference in 1975 and appeals since then. Instead the document refers to open-market policies and private capital flows.

Following are the main points from a 38-item declaration adopted by the special UN General Assembly session on economic co-operation yesterday.

### Move to settle IMF row

## Pressure mounting on UK and France

LONDON, May 2. (Reuter): Pressure is mounting on Britain and France to settle a row over their ranking in the IMF through a trade-off which could lead to a new development bank for Eastern Europe being sited in London.

European monetary officials said the most likely way of ending the long-simmering dispute, one of several obstacles delaying an increase in International Monetary Fund quotas, would be to link the two issues at IMF talks starting in Washington this week.

"It would be naive to expect that the two issues could not be connected," said one senior central banker.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major, now on a tour of European capitals, is expected to go into the meeting of the IMF pursuing a tough line that there is no reason to link two unrelated issues.

But officials say pressure is mounting on both nations from industrial and developing countries to end the dispute in case it is unresolved.

The dispute has its roots in Japan's widely accepted bid to boost its shareholding in the IMF to second place — now occupied by Britain — from its fifth place ranking.

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"I would be surprised if there were not agreement on quotas," said the central banker. "It would be sufficiently embarrassing to report failure again, that pressure must be mounting to bridge the gap."

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at next Monday's meeting of the policy-making interim committee although the basis of a deal could be resolved on Sunday when the Group of Seven leading industrial nations meet in Washington.

While there is now a broad consensus that quotas should be raised by about 50 per cent from the current 90 billion SDR (\$117 billion) to help the fund to meet the challenges of the Third World debt crisis and Eastern Europe, the Franco-British row is unresolved.

The dispute has its roots in Japan's widely accepted bid to boost its shareholding in the IMF to second place — now occupied by Britain — from its fifth place ranking.

Britain has offered to drop down the rankings and cut its quota to six per cent from a current 6.9 per cent, placing it fourth behind the United States, Japan and West Germany.

But France has refused to accept its relegation from fourth to fifth, since under this formula its share of quotas would be only

about five per cent.

Monetary officials believe Latin American nations, angered that the row is delaying strengthening the IMF, will call on its managing director Michel Camdessus or Canadian Finance Minister and interim committee chairman Michael Wilson to broker a compromise which would put both nations equal fourth.

Officials say the most likely way of making that compromise would be to draw into the talks the proposed European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), a French-inspired project to channel funds into reforming East bloc states.

Neither the bank's president nor its location has been settled but one compromise would be for it to be sited in London.

In return, Paris would try to exact fourth equal ranking in the IMF with both nations at about 5.5 per cent plus presidency of the EBRD for President Francois Mitterrand's personal adviser, Jacques Attali.

### Higher profits for Chrysler

DETROIT, May 2. (Reuter): Chrysler Corp, the number three US automaker, said on Tuesday that cost cuts undertaken last year helped it make a \$71 million profit in the first quarter of this year even though car sales plummeted.

The results came as a pleasant surprise to Wall Street, where some industry analysts had expected the automaker would barely break even or even post a small loss.

Chrysler stock closed up 75 cents at \$15.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Chrysler posted a profit even as sales fell to \$7.56 billion, compared with \$9.66 billion in the 1989 first quarter, when the automaker had net earnings of \$3.51 million.

The earnings for the latest quarter were the equivalent of 32 cents a share, compared with \$1.50 a share in the 1989 quarter.

"It seems the cost-reduction programme really is taking effect," said John Casella, analyst with Wachovia Schroder and Co, who had expected Chrysler to report earnings of about 10 cents a share.

The company said earnings were hurt by high incentive costs and lower production volume.

### Industry's hopes, fears aired at trade fair

HANOVER, West Germany, May 2. (Reuter): The world's largest trade fair opened in Hanover today with West German industry keen to profit from German unification but still fearing over the potential costs.

The growing together of West and Eastern Europe is a big challenge for German industry, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said at the fair's opening ceremony.

His government believes private industry holds the key to revitalising East Germany. But West German industrialists, enjoying bumper profits, still believe Bonn will have to step in to bear some of the burden.

East German industry stands at the beginning of a difficult transitional phase, said Helmut Werner, head of the truck division of West Germany's biggest company, Daimler-Benz AG.

Daimler signed a Co-operation agreement with IFA, East Germany's largest truck maker, in March and plans to unveil its first jointly designed truck prototype on Thursday.

Although Daimler can help East Germany to modernise its products, Werner said West German industry could not restore East German industry's financial solvency.

East Germany's centrally planned economy allowed companies to run up huge debts with the state bank. Many of these firms will find repayments difficult once they are converted into West German marks under German monetary union on July 2.

The old debts cannot be handled by West or East German industry, Daimler-Benz's Werner told reporters.

His concerns were echoed at the same news conference by IFA's officials.

It won't be possible for many East German companies to survive monetarily union without government help, said Lothar Heinzemann, chief executive of the East German truck maker.

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### Account surplus shrinks

## Exchange reserves dip

TOKYO, May 2. (Agencies): Japan's foreign exchange reserves fell \$472 million last month to \$73 billion, the Japanese Ministry of Finance announced today.

An official at the Ministry said that the figure represents the minimum level in two years, but matches the same figure recorded in October 1987.

The decrease was caused by the Japan Bank which intervened to sell the dollar to back the yen.

The official said that due to the yen's sagging in April, the US had taken Japan's position as the largest country with reserves for that year.

In February Japan's foreign exchange reserve reached \$80.4 billion, while the US foreign exchange reserves were \$75.1 billion.

Peed by growing imports, Japan's current account surplus in 1989 decreased sharply from the preceding year, marking the third straight year-to-year fall, the Finance Ministry announced today.

The ministry's annual survey said the surplus plunged 30.8 per cent to \$53.497 billion, following a 8.5 per cent fall in 1988 and a 10.3 per cent decline in 1987.

The current account deficit was \$1.2 billion, up from \$0.8 billion in 1988.

The trade balance shrank 26.4 per cent from a year ago to \$70.178 billion.

Exports gained a modest 0.2 per cent to \$267.86 billion while imports surged 14.9 per cent to \$179.682 billion.

The invisible trade deficit decreased to \$12.71 billion from \$13.521 billion.

The Lebanese pound hits record low

BEIRUT, May 2. (Reuter): The Lebanese currency, reflecting a faltering economy and worsening security situation, hit a record low of \$15.1 to the dollar today compared to the previous low of \$65 on Monday, the Central Bank said.

An economics expert told Reuters the pound would not regain its strength unless a political solution was found to Lebanon's 15-year civil war. The currency was around three to the dollar when it was captured in 1975.

Three months of bitter fighting between rival Christian groups has added to the general instability.

Official sources said the public debt had reached about \$2 billion, some 45 per cent of the country's gold and foreign currency reserves.

Banking sources said the Central Bank had transferred some \$8 billion to banks outside Lebanon, keeping only 3.5 billion in local banks.

### Tokyo shares

Name of stock	Cl	Ch	Advantest Corp	Apromoto	Arco Elec.	Asahi	Asahi Chem Ind	Asahi Glass	C. Itoh Co.	Canon Inc.	Casio Comp	Dai Nippon Printing	Daiichi Seiyaku	Dainippon Ph	Dainippon Corp	EI	Fuji Photo	Fujitsu Ltd.	Hitachi Credit
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A donkey provides the engine for a trip into Goulimine, a typical town of southern Morocco.

150th birthday

## Maoris assert rights in year of anniversary

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: The people of New Zealand are celebrating the country's 150th birthday this year.

But the celebration is tempered by the simmering grievances of many Maoris, the country's indigenous people, who say that while whites might think the anniversary of their arrival in these South Pacific islands is worth commemorating, native New Zealanders do not.

"We are now one people," Queen Victoria's representative told the Maori chiefs when they signed a treaty at Waitangi, ceding sovereignty to the British crown on Feb 6, 1840. The treaty of Waitangi guaranteed the Maoris rights to their land, forests, fisheries, and customs. These pledges have not been honored, however, and Victoria's descendant, Queen Elizabeth II, admitted with regret underestimation when she came to Waitangi for the celebration on Feb 6 that the treaty "has been imperfectly observed."

Over the last century and a half, the white community has by one means or another taken most of the Maori land, forest, and fisheries. More than that, New Zealand's 400,000 Maoris, who represent 12.5 per cent of the population, are disproportionately represented in the lower income groups, prisons, and unemployment lines.

This anniversary year has focused attention on efforts by the Maoris to assert themselves and right the wrongs of the past.

An extremist minority, at least a couple of whom have been to Libya, want to expel all the pakeha (Europeans), and talk of militant action. Despite grave concerns about the Feb 6 party, this militancy went only as far as a young woman throwing a wet black T-shirt at the queen amid cries of "Go home."

Even the moderate majority of Maoris, who were appalled at demonstrations against Queen Elizabeth, want their land returned, or compensation paid, and other grievances settled.

The Waitangi tribunal, a body set up by the government to investigate Maori complaints, has been swamped with applications for hearings, and about 70 per cent of the country is subject to land claims.

As a result, both races have become anxious and suspicious of each other. Europeans, who do not hear repeated assurances that no privately owned land will be handed back, fear being sold out by a government that is striving to solve Maori grievances.

Moderate Maoris fear a white backlash against affirmative action and government handouts for exclusive Maori health, welfare, and job-training programmes.

As Maori claims grow, and the government bends over backward to meet them, even sympathetic pakehas fear the matter is getting out of hand. A number of Europeans fearing eventual racial trouble, have left the country.

"What's really happened in this area," said Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer, "is that Maori expectations have risen, and they have risen to unmeasurable levels."

Chief Judge Eddie Durie, chairman of the Waitangi tribunal, agreed that large-scale return of land was impractical and the economy could not afford massive compensation. A compromise needed, he said, along with long-term strategies to assure a better future for the Maoris.

There is a major focus on unity and working together as 1990 celebrations continue in every city and community.

But many recall the chilling comments of two opposing politicians, even more relevant today than when uttered in 1988.

"This is the last chance we have to get race relations right," said Winston Peters, a Maori and the opposition national party's spokesman on Maori affairs. "If we do not confront it now, in 10 years there will be violence in our streets and the race riots of 1981, Toxteth, and Soweto will have their New Zealand equivalent."

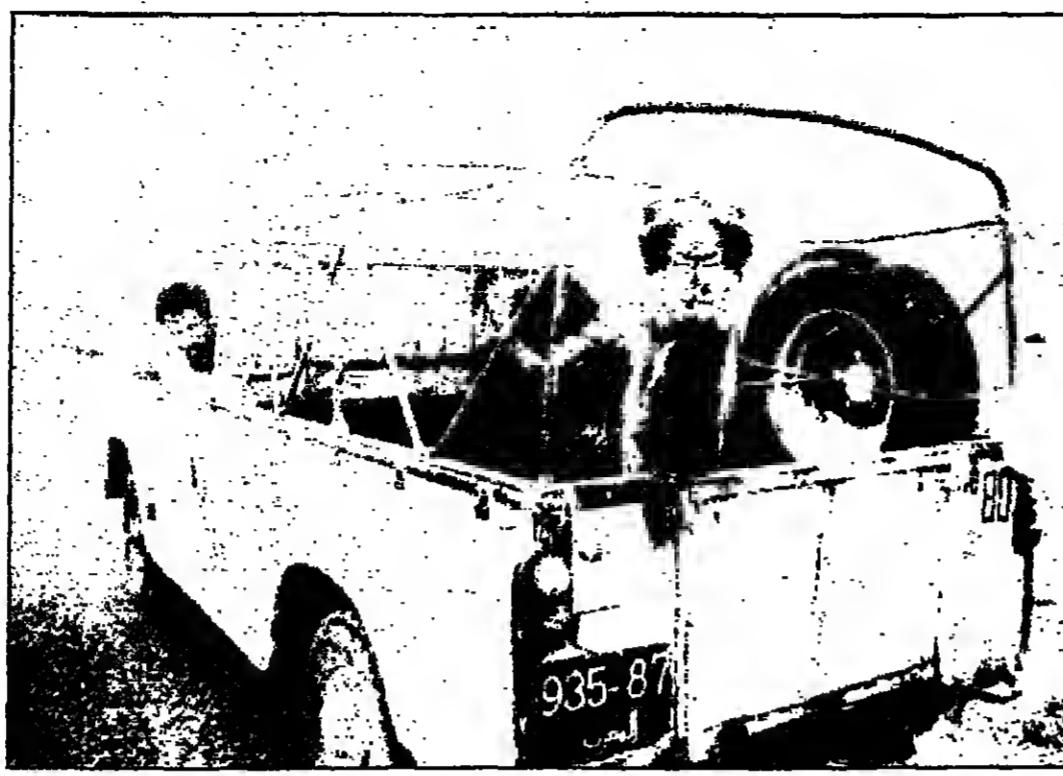
Mike Moore, foreign minister and No 3 in the ruling Labour Cabinet, said: "New Zealand has reached a flash point in its history. We are becoming a society that threatens to go rotten before it's ripe. We are in a race against time."

## Switzerland: more animals on trade ban list

A FURTHER 20 animals and more than 90 plants are now subject to a ban on international trade as new measures under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) came into effect this month. Trade in 760 animal and 22 plant species will be controlled.

"It is always disappointing to have to take such strict measures," said Eugene Lapointe, general secretary of the convention, "because most of the time that signifies that a species of our natural heritage is threatened with extinction. One of Cites' goals is to reduce to zero the number of species endangered because of trade, and there remains a lot to be done before we succeed."

Bolswana, China, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe expressed reservations on the ivory trade ban. These African countries do not see the elephant as endangered in their territories. China entered a reservation. So did South Africa but it has imposed a voluntary one-year ban on the trade with immediate effect. The UK entered a reservation on behalf of Hong Kong but this will remain in force for only six months. /PANOS



A camel catches a lift from a mechanical beast near Tan-Tan, Morocco.

## Where the camels take a ride!

Tan-Tan, Morocco

By George D. Moffett III

TAN-TAN, Morocco (CSM): The road from Agadir winds around southernmost range of the Atlas Mountains and into a Morocco that is all but forgotten.

A world away from the colourful markets of Marrakech and Moorish castles of Fez, life on the edge of the desert is a rough, picturesque anachronism.

Following the pattern of centuries, desert Berbers, descendants of nomads who lived here before Islamic conquerors swept across North Africa in the 7th century, gather grain by hand and tend flocks that survive on the sparse offerings of a withered, looking, bardscrabbling landscape.

Here and there, reminders of the 20th century intrude: a television antenna atop an adobe house; a pickup truck loaded with a gangly camel. Further south, in the disputed Western Sahara, the longest conveyor belt in the world carries the region's one

plentiful resource — phosphate, used for fertilizer — to waiting ships.

But for the most part, the desert people have learned to survive on little in a land that offers little.

Anciently, caravans used to hug the coastal region, stopping to rest and replenish their supplies at fortified oases before launching out into the desert. Today, in towns like Tan-Tan and Goulimine, the camels of modern nomads mingle with jeeps from the other Morocco north of the mountains.

These remote places seem never to have seen a tourist. But Bedouin shepherds, clearly experienced at bargaining for tips after being photographed by visitors from far-off places, convey another impression.

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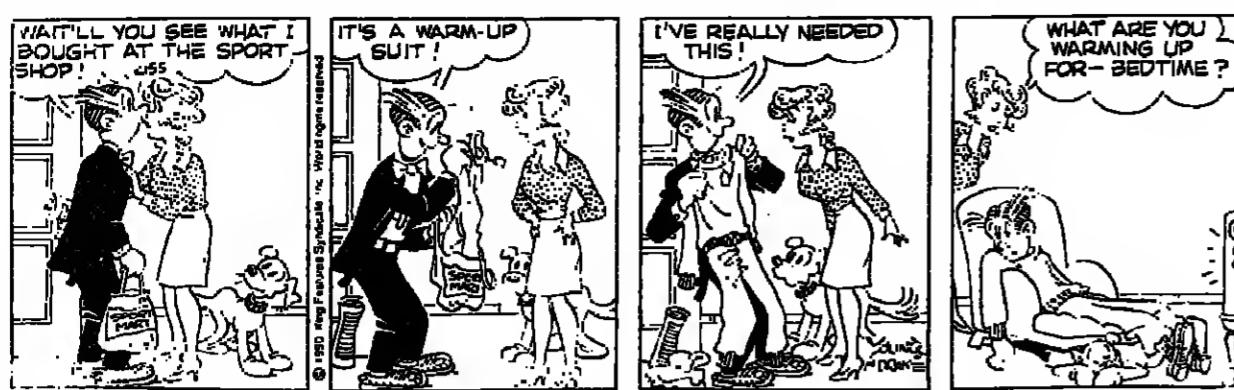
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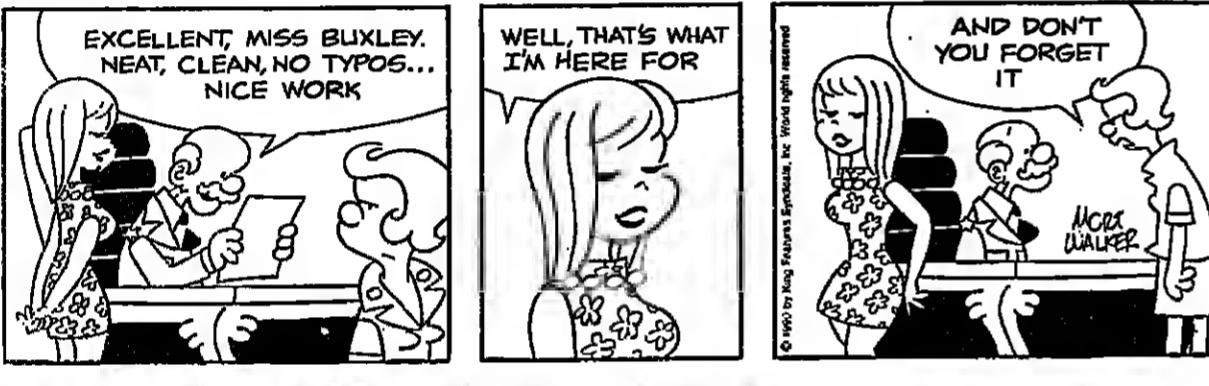
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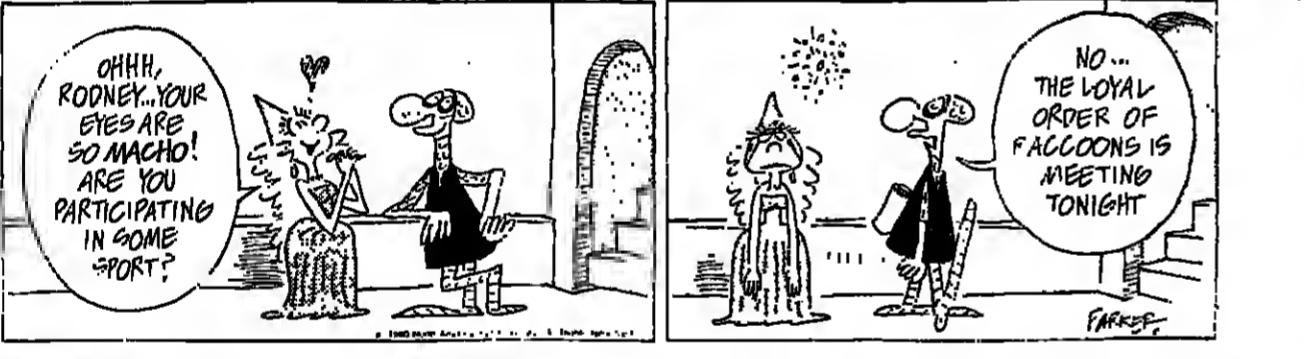
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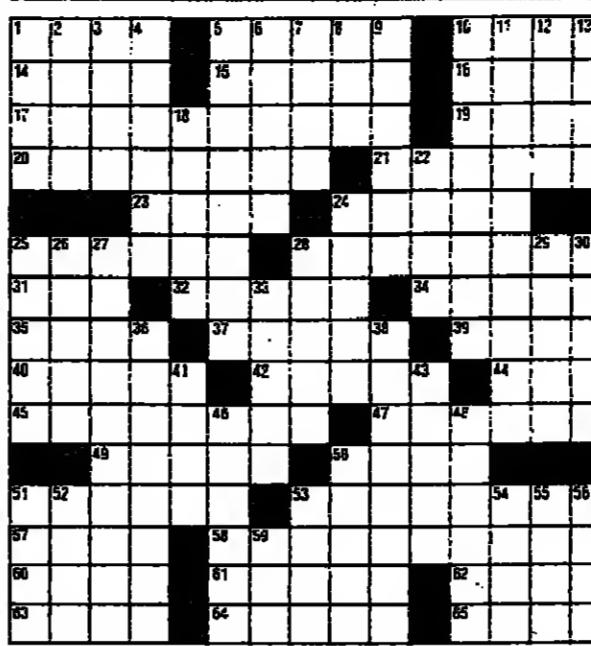
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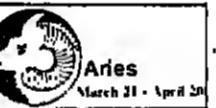
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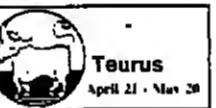
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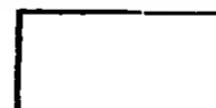
You will be disinclined to do what you know has to be done. If you try to be "too clever" you will only make matters worse. You are all too liable to hide your head in the sand, to believe what you would be is. Be amicable.



Make sure you allow plenty of time in order to catch a plane or train and do not panic. You are liable to miss a vital detail, so be on the lookout for it. Try to ensure your diet contains enough vitamins and minerals. Be frank.



There will be lots to do and you should just get on with it, no good worrying about what still remains to be done. You are making good progress with something you have been learning but a lot still remains to be learned. Try not to make a nuisance of yourself. Be resilient.



You will tend to tire easily — are you sure your diet is not lacking in vitamins? Your lucky numbers are 4 and 32. You should not be quite so haughty, there is no reason for excessive modesty either.



You would be wrong to postpone what you know ought to be done right away. Only if you keep your eyes and ears wide open will you be able to avoid a mistake that might have had consequences. Avoid divulging a personal detail told to you in confidence. Be fair.



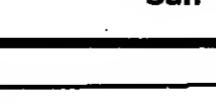
Something that has been puzzling you will now become clear. You should not try to repair an electrical device unless you really know what you are doing. Make sure you do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be truthful.



Although you will have some luck you cannot rely on it to get you out of trouble. You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and should do all you can to keep calm. There will be a disappointment but you will be able to take it in your stride. Be sincere.



Something you had thought would be easy and quick will turn out to be far more complicated than seemed at first sight. You should always make sure that you return a favour. Something that you have been learning will now show its worth. Be respectful.



Something you had been hoping would happen will not but will something you feared would. You are far too liable to take things for granted. You should avoid being too suspicious, but nor should you believe too readily. Be reliable.



You are rather too liable to hear only what you would like to hear. Avoid eating so much that you put on weight or so little that you lose it. Make sure you do not allow dust or mud to accumulate. Be less indolent.



You would well to make a few concessions without abandoning your principles. Also have the courage of your convictions but do not mistake them for habits. Try not to do too many things all at once. Be considerate.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVE

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

## NORTH

♦ J 6

K 9

♦ A 9 7 6 2

♦ Q 7 3 2

## WEST

♦ 2

J 10 7 6 4 3 2

8 5

K 4 3

10 5

♦ A

## EAST

♦ K 10 9 8 5 4 3

10

## SOUTH

♦ A Q 7

A Q

Q 8

♦ K J 10 9 8 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 Pass 2 ♠ 2 ♠ 2  
3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of

Every so often we receive a hand where the play is fascinating, but the bidding stumps us. This hand from the Danish team championships is a prime example.

If North-South were playing standard opening bids, both North's one-diamond opening and subsequent free raise to three clubs make no sense at all. And if they were using a sub-minimum range of 6-10, then South's jump to six clubs was the height of optimism.

Declarer almost made his con-

tract. Obviously, some endplay would be needed to land the slam, so South won the opening heart lead in dummy and ran the jack of spades. When East did not cover and the jack won, declarer repeated the spade finesse. West ruffed and exited with a heart, and declarer eventually had to concede a diamond trick. Down one.

In a way, justice was served, but slightly better timing would have allowed South to sneak home in his ambitious contract. For the strip and endplay to succeed, declarer needed to take away West's exit card in hearts. Suppose South wins the opening lead in hand with the ace of hearts and then crosses to the king. Now the jack of spades is led. If East covers, declarer wins the ace and cashes the queen. If West ruffs, he is endplayed, so he must discard.

Declarer completes the strip (not that it matters) by ruffing the low spade in dummy, then exits with a trump. In with the ace, West has a choice of ways by which to surrender. A diamond away from the king allows declarer to score two diamond tricks, and a heart presents declarer with a ruff-sluff.

Is there a moral to this story?

Yes. West should have led the ace of trumps, and in the fullness of time the defenders would have collected a diamond trick to punish North-South for their ill-founded venture.



"Here's your pizza! We ran out of boxes."



"Can you see anything?"



"So it looks like a nice day tomorrow."

# Analyzing Asia's amazing industrial growth

*Pacific Destiny*, by Robert Elegant (Crown, 533 pp., \$24.95)

Robert Elegant has written a book that goes a long way toward explaining why so much of our clothing, automobiles, cameras, electronic appliances, etc., are made in Asia, and how it was that the Asians learned how to make and sell them to the rest of the world. It also raises a worrisome specter of what lies ahead if western nations do not counteract this headlong Asian economic expansion.

This is not just a recitation of statistics and display of economic balance sheets, but an examination of the Asian character and historical events that have shaped the course of the region's progress. Elegant weaves in the roles of individuals to illustrate the dramatic upheaval that has occurred in the area since World War II.

During the last four decades, Elegant, a polished writer and novelist, has spent most of his time working as a

newsman in various parts of Asia. In this book he analyzes each Asian country's amazing industrial growth — or in some cases lack of it.

Japan, of course, leads the pack. Soaring high are Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia and Hong Kong. Not so high, but still right up there, are Malaysia, China and Thailand. But Australia is languishing in backwater and the Philippines and Indochina are in a mess, says Elegant.

Where all this Asian progress will take the world, Elegant is not sure, except he believes that Japan's "economic animals" must be tamed lest disaster occurs.

And, Elegant says he is not sure that Japan can be stopped, but if it is, it must be the Americans who do the deed.

*The Once and Future Spy*, by Robert Littell (Bantam, 294 pp., \$18.95)

Silas Sibley spies; but he's also an amateur historian, fascinated by a

revolutionary war figure whose profession was the same as his. The parallels between that person's life and Sibley's don't just obsess him — they'll grab you, too.

There is a nasty plot within an Iranian connection in *The Once and Future Spy*, but the book's special pull is the way Sibley, dividing his time between writing a fictionalized history and surviving a dangerous present, increasingly resembles his hero.

It is Sibley's knowledge of history, not ignorance, that compels him to repeat it. Once you recall the historical ending, the focus of suspense is whether Sibley can avoid a recurrence of that, too.

Robert Littell gave us *The Amateur* and *The Defection of A.J. Lewinter*. Those books were good; this one is better.

*Lazarus*, by Morris West (St. Martin's 292 pp., \$19.95)

Morris West may not be a prophet

but his writing has a certain prophetic quality. The most obvious example was in *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, the first of his trilogy on the Vatican, in which a cardinal from the Ukraine is named Pope Kiril I. The novel was published shortly before the world got its first Polish Pope in John Paul II.

In the second part of the trilogy, *The Clowns of God*, Kiril's successor, Gregory XVII, claims to have had a private revelation of the second coming, an admission that leads the College of Cardinals to depose him on grounds of mental incompetence.

In *Lazarus*, the final part of the trilogy, the cardinal who engineered Gregory's abdication has become Pope Leo XIV, an unbending, orthodox pontiff not unlike John Paul II.

The story begins with Pope Leo facing bypass surgery. West, always a master storyteller, weaves a plausible plot filled with terrorists and romance against the backdrop of the Byzantine

inner workings of the Vatican.

Like Lazarus walking from the tomb, Leo emerges from surgery a changed man. He has faced death and realized the error of his ways. He decides to change directions but finds that it is not an easy task to go against the formidable wall of orthodoxy he himself created.

West unfortunately paints himself into a corner in his plot and the ending is a mild disappointment. But overall, West uses the medium of the novel to perfection in dealing with issues facing today's Roman Catholics.

*Beyond Reason*, by Ken Englund (St. Martin's, 353 pp., \$19.95)

In this non-fiction work, a la Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, author Ken Englund tells the story of a shocking double murder in Virginia.

Derek Hayson and his socialite wife Nancy, a descendant of Lady Astor,

were butchered in their home. Neighbors were terrified because there were signs they were slaughtered as part of some demonic ritual.

Police detectives had few clues to begin with. As they gathered more, the story takes on the aura of a good mystery — with a few differences. Reader aware of the highly publicized case, with a manhunt that spanned two continents, know that the Haysons' brilliant and beautiful daughter plead guilty to conspiracy in her parents' death.

Because it's non-fiction, not all of the loose ends are wrapped up nicely. At the book's end, the daughter's boyfriend Jens Soering has just been returned from Europe to Virginia to face first-degree murder charges.

This is a riveting story, including drugs, sex, incest, intercontinental con games, and detective work — and the story of an aristocratic family destroyed by murder and madness.

## China works out formula to save rain forest

JINGHONG, China (UPI): Deep in a oasis of lush greenery, where monkeys cavort and wild peacock strut, the isolated rain forest of southernmost China is threatened by a familiar adversary.

As with its counterparts around the world, the Xishuangbanna rain forest has suffered from the encroachment and neglect of humans. Its tropical vegetation cover, sprouting with rubber and banana trees, is steadily shrinking.

The denuding of the broad expanse in southern Yunnan Province has been of official concern for decades, but only recently has the government begun to protect some of China's most spectacular scenery.

Legend has it that Xishuangbanna was discovered thousands of years ago by hunters chasing a golden deer. More than half its area is rain forest, the rest valleys and hills that from the air appear sculpted by the terracing of grain cultivation.

Bisecting the region is the upper Mekong River, known in China as the Lancang, which meanders south across the border into the infamous opium-producing region called the Golden Triangle at the junction of the borders of Laos, Burma and Thailand.

Long popular with backpacking foreign tourists, the region's poor roads and backwoods have prevented the voracious commercial exploitation that has destroyed other rain forests. Much of the damage has been done by improviser peasants simply trying to eke out a living from the land.

But the isolation also gave a false sense of security that led to decades of official neglect.

"We have been trying to protect this area since the 1950s," said Zhang Yunsheng, deputy director of the tropical products research institute in Jinghong, the region's biggest city. "But we have only had the legal means to protect it in the past five years."

Working with botanical researchers from Kunming, the provincial capital, the institute's 1,000 staffers focus primarily on exploiting rubber trees and other economic resources, but have found a concurrent need to study conservation.

On the institute's grounds, where graceful gardens of fruit trees and blooming plants flourish, they have created a rain forest in miniature as laboratory for the bigger expanse outside. They also grow their own hybrid of coffee, which is served to visitors.

"We're looking at the different stages of the forest," said Zhang. "We can create different heights of vegetation to study what happens to the plants."

The forest holds some 4,000 named species of plant life and hundreds more unidentified. Deep within its tree cover, tigers, monkeys, peacocks and even a few dozen wild elephant still roam.

But the region also is home to some of China's poorest people, many members of a dozen ethnic minorities with annual incomes of under 100. The most numerous are the Dai, whose colourful dress, language and customs are closer to Thailand than China.

Many still employ ancient slash-burn farming, or simply cut trees as firewood or for sale, officials say.

The legal regulations that took effect in 1985 set aside 600,000 acres (240,000 ha) just over half the forest, as a nature reserve, forbidding unauthorized uses. But the government has also resorted to controlling the human population.

About 15,000 people live in some 100 villages within the reserve, but officials each year evict some 2,000 settlers who move into the area without permission. Some set up dwellings and cut trees to farm, others chop wood to sell.

"Every year we have to go through the forest to clear out people who don't belong there," said Zhang, noting the programme, including forest patrols, costs several hundred thousand dollars.

Still, the forest has shrunk from 50 per cent of the region three decades ago to around 30 per cent now. Some species face extinction, including one tree that soars to 110 feet but has been placed on the United Nations list of endangered species.

"Everyone knows there's a lot of space, so they move in," said Li Junhong, one of the institute's researchers.

## Indian cinema

THE weekly Indian film round-up from Bombay by our correspondent Firoze Ranjana did not appear today due to circumstances beyond our control.

## Dutch keen to ski, climb

THE HAGUE, (Reuters): The Dutch refuse to let the lack of mountains in their low-lying country keep them down.

They are flocking to climbing walls and artificial slopes — some of them lying below sea level — to satisfy their passion for heights and skiing.

"The Dutch are crazy about the mountains, because it's so flat here, they look for a different kind of landscape for sport," said Erik Pals of the Dutch Ski Federation.

Although about half the Netherlands lies below sea level, an estimated 1.2 million of the country's 15 million inhabitants are regular skiers and 35,000 people belong to two climbing clubs.

Every Sunday, about a dozen rock climbers gather in front of a public school in the central town of Dordrecht to clamber up a sculpture that doubles as a climbing wall.

Throwing colourful ropes onto the concrete structure, they practise their grip and keep their muscles supple in between vacations to mountains elsewhere in Europe.

The sculpture is one of 15 artificial climbing walls built in the Netherlands in the past 12 years to accommodate the increasing number of Dutch climbers.

"Life here is so orderly, so in sports, people look for adventure and climbing offers that," explained Cees Fromm, who organises the climbing sprees in Dordrecht.

"It's growing as sport and the emphasis is more and more on climbing in the Alps. That makes physical strength crucial so that training on walls becomes important," he explained.

Several sports halls in other parts of the country have climbing walls with interchangeable panels which give a variety of crags on which to practise.

Erick van Rossum, 26, said "I started out hiking in the Alps and then wanted more. I turned to climbing partly for the danger in it."

Several winters of erratic snow in Europe have been a boon to the Dutch artificial ski slope industry.

There are some 37 artificial slopes — the longest is 500 metre (yards) open from autumn to spring.

The 20-metre-high (65-foot) Meerberg slope of plastic bristles near Amsterdam is located on a polder — land reclaimed from the sea — and lies no more than 10 metres (33 feet) above sea level.

"Most people who come are getting ready for a vacation. This year, many kept putting off going to the mountains in the hope that snow would finally fall and kept coming to the artificial slopes," said Rob Buekers, who runs Meerberg.



Omar Sharif nearly died in the sewers of Paris...when a scene from his latest film *The Rainbow Thief* went disastrously wrong.



Farrah Fawcett was left so exhausted by an underwater fight scene that she had to be revived with the kiss of life.



Burt Reynolds could have needed a glass eye, as well as a toupe, after a prop pistol went off in his face. Prompt medical attention kept his looks intact.



Michael Jackson's magnificent locks went up in smoke while he was filming a TV commercial.

## The long line of close shaves that aren't in the script

By Barney Fields

*Filming can be a hazardous business. While the crew admired their 'realistic' performances, Omar Sharif and Farrah Fawcett came close to drowning.*

was rescued."

Farrah Fawcett is another who almost drowned while filming. In a scene in the 1979 movie *Sinburn*, in which she starred with Joan Collins and Eleanor Parker, the script called for her to lose her aqua lung in an underwater fight before swimming ashore to safety.

But she was so exhausted after the fight that she had no strength left to bathe against the strong currents.

"I felt myself being dragged down," she says. "I waved and screamed but, as that's what I was supposed to be doing, they just carried on filming."

"I went under again and I'd lost buoyancy. My lungs were bursting. I really thought I'd had it."

Superhumanly, she managed to surface and at last, the film crew and dived in and dragged her ashore. She was revived with the kiss of life.

Jacqueline Bisset almost met her watery end in the 1977 movie *The Deep*, in which 50 per cent of the action takes place underwater.

Like Farrah, the script called for her to lose her oxygen mask 80 feet down in the Atlantic.

"I never did like that particular scene when I first read it in the script," she says. "And on the day, it turned out to be an awful

place to go underwater swimming. I spent most of my time avoiding nasty, stinging jellyfish, and the coral outcrops were razor sharp."

Co-star Nick Nolte was below her when she had to lose her mask. His air bubbles obscured her view and she panicked.

She began thrashing wildly for the surface.

"I was gulping down water and remember thinking it was a silly way to die," she recalls.

When she finally surfaced, she was barely conscious. A passing film crew boat hauled her on board and rushed her to hospital.

Janet Ogilvy and Lionel Jeffries came close to drowning when they were working on the TV comedy series *Tom, Dick and Harry*.

They were in a car in which Jeffries, playing a learner-driver, had to drive into a lake in Middlesex.

But the car shot too far into the water and began turning over, trapping the two stars inside. It didn't help when a nearby safety motorboat failed to start. With only seconds to spare before the car sank to the bottom, Ogilvy managed to squeeze through one of the windows, dragging Jeffries after him.

But of course, not all deadly near-misses of the stars have happened in water.

Michael Jackson was severely hurt when a TV commercial he was making went horrifyingly wrong six years ago. The multi-millionaire superstar was dancing

boat chase in the disused West India dock in London.

Suddenly he catapulted overboard — it wasn't in the script.

"Martin Shaw was at the wheel," says Collins. "He never saw me go. We were doing about 35 mph at the time. I got my foot trapped under the boat and was dragged face up in the water."

"It was at least 20 seconds before Martin slowed down and raised the alarm. A film crew from another boat hauled me out."

Paul Michael Glaser was a real life-and-death action man in *Starsky and Hutch*. But his closest shave with death was when he was starring in the film *The Great Houdini*.

One of the stunts involved him being shackled into a water tank.

"It was one of Houdini's most dangerous stunts but I insisted on doing it myself and then I panicked," he says.

"I was supposed to thrash around as though I was in my death throes. But the moment the water rushed up my nose I wasn't acting. Believe me, I really did almost drown in that tank."

But of course, not all deadly near-misses of the stars have happened in water.

Michael Crawford never finishes from running risks in all the parts he plays. In his memorable TV series *Some Mothers Do 'Aren't* he did all his own crazy stunts.

"In one episode, I was a win-

ner cleaner in a hanging cradle 120 feet above the pavement," he says. "Suddenly, the mechanism failed and I slipped and was left dangling helplessly outside the safety bars, holding on for dear life, literally by my fingernails."

He had to remain like that while the cradle was slowly hauled back to the top of the building.

Richard Chamberlain once stared death in the face in the icy water of the Arctic.

It happened as he was making the TV movie *Cook And Pearly: The Race To The Pole*, the true story of two men's quest to reach the North Pole in 1909.

Filmed off the desolate coast of Greenland, the icebox on which Chamberlain and the crew were working suddenly cracked like an explosion and began to break up.

Dear Junior readers  
Your feet work very hard for you and so they need to be treated well, otherwise they will cause problems. The easiest way to look after your feet is to make sure your shoes and socks fit well. If you do not wear sensible shoes you may put pressure on some part of your foot more than others. High heels, for instance, put too much pressure on the front of your foot. Corn, bunions and ingrowing toenails all develop from badly fitting shoes.

Wash your feet regularly to remove the sweat, otherwise it will build up and make your feet smell. After washing make sure that you dry them carefully, especially between the toes.

Athlete's foot is a fungus which causes soft, flaking skin between your toes. It is easy to catch in changing rooms, or at swimming pools, because it is very contagious and enjoys warm, moist conditions. A doctor or chiropodist will recommended a cream or powder to get rid of it. Should you get a verruca, you must visit a chiropodist, who will remove it for you.

Use a pumice stone to remove the hard skin from your heels. You can do this after you have had a bath, when your skin is soft.

Manal

### Colouring time



HEADACHE

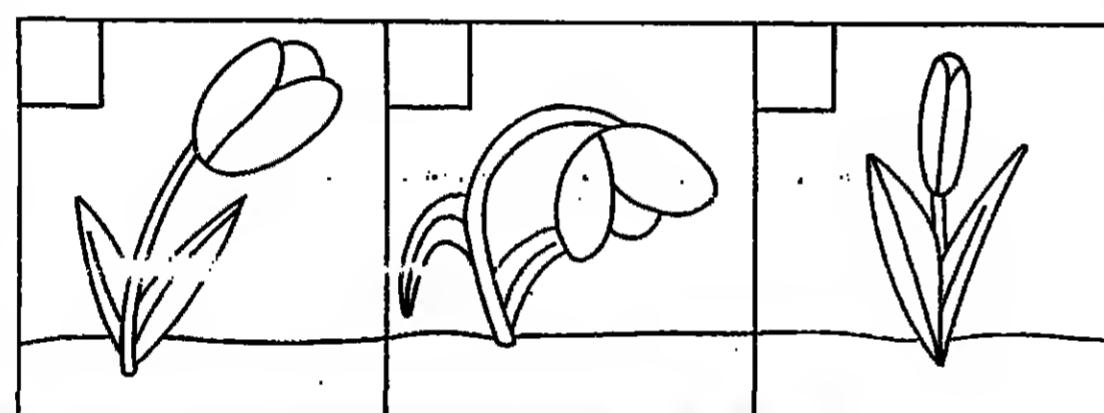
### Ask for laughs!

"My boyfriend," said Miss Unity, on her nineteenth birthday, "says I have a ... like a peach!" "... that so?" said her aunt little brother. "... who wants to look like a nineteen-year-old peach...?"

"sister's taking cooking lessons," said little Nick. "Last night she made some soup — ouch! — it was awful. This morning some pygmies came over from Africa to dip their darts into it ... and for lunch today she gave us cold boiled ham. That's ham boiled in cold water."

### The right order

Number each set of pictures 1, 2 and 3 so that they tell the story in the correct order.



### The Goops again



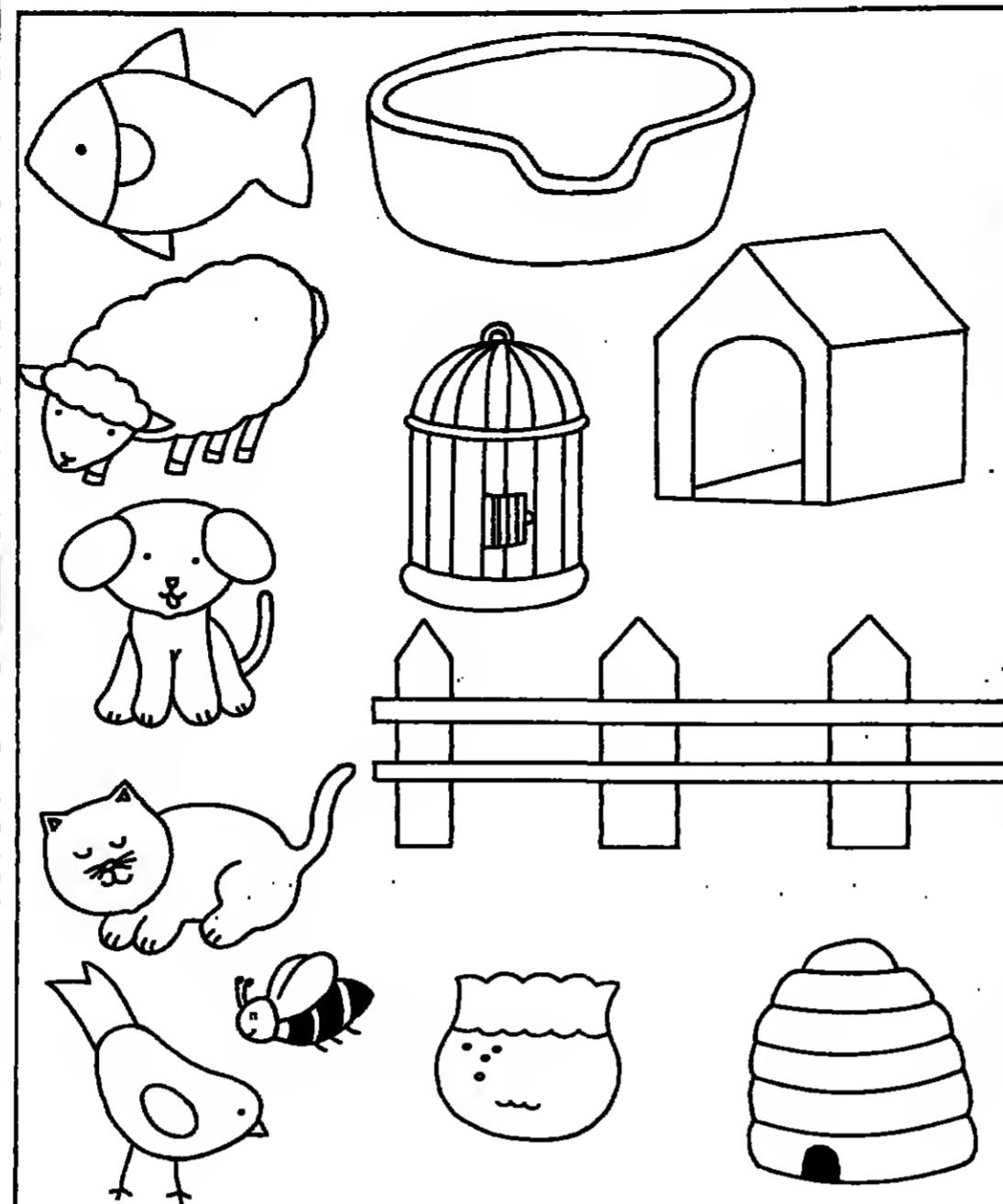
### TABLE MANNERS.—II.

THE Goops are gluttonous and rude,  
They gug and gumble with their food;  
They throw their crumbs upon the floor,  
And at dessert they tease for more;  
They will not eat their soup and bread  
But like to gobble sweets, instead,  
And this is why I oft decline,  
When I am asked to stay and dine!



### Animal homes

Draw a line from each animal to its home.



### SKIT "Earth Forces"

#### Physical Movement

All but sand, soil, pebbles, and clay stand. S. S. P. & C sit cross-legged in front with head on hands pouting (eyes cast down).

Volcano — "stack" — hands go up  
Earthquake — "rock 'n roll" — dance

Water — stand still, then quiver on "burr"

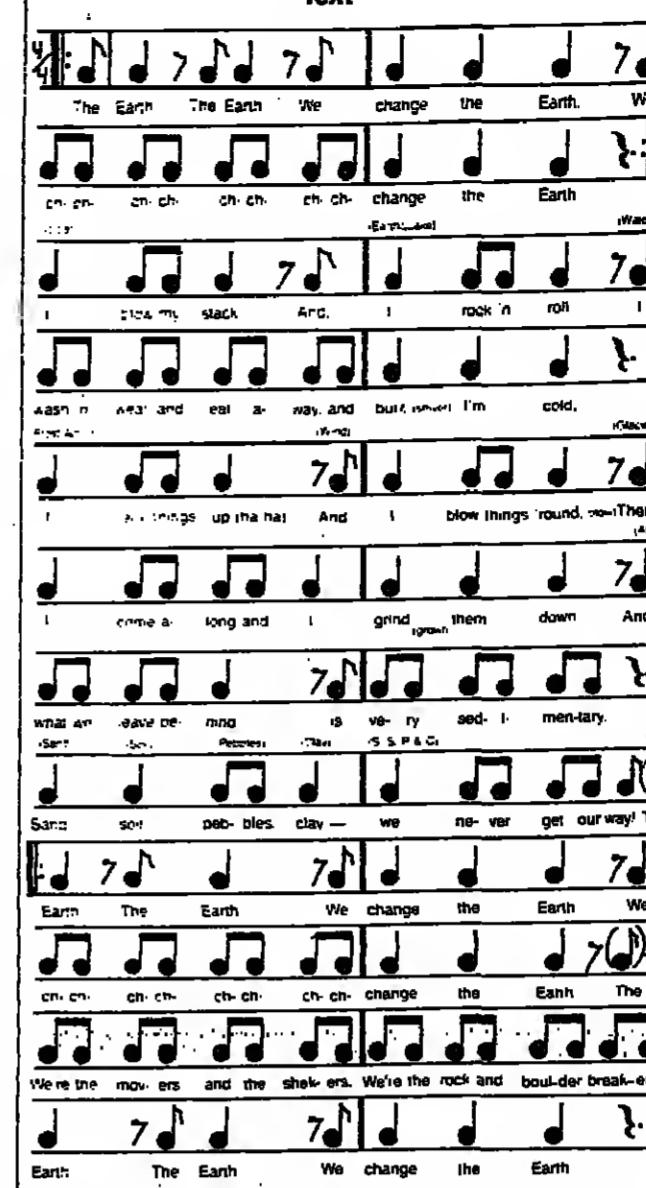
Frost Action — look crazy and make "crack" sound & say "ha ha" in rhythm

Wind — blow out on 4th beat

Glacier — "grrrr" them down

Up until this point, Sand, Soil, Pebbles and Clay have had their heads in their hands, eyes cast down. Now as each says his/her name, he/she raises his/her head up and, simultaneously, lets arms drop and cross. They remain this way as they say their unison line (#8) and then return to original position the first time "Earth" is said in line #9.

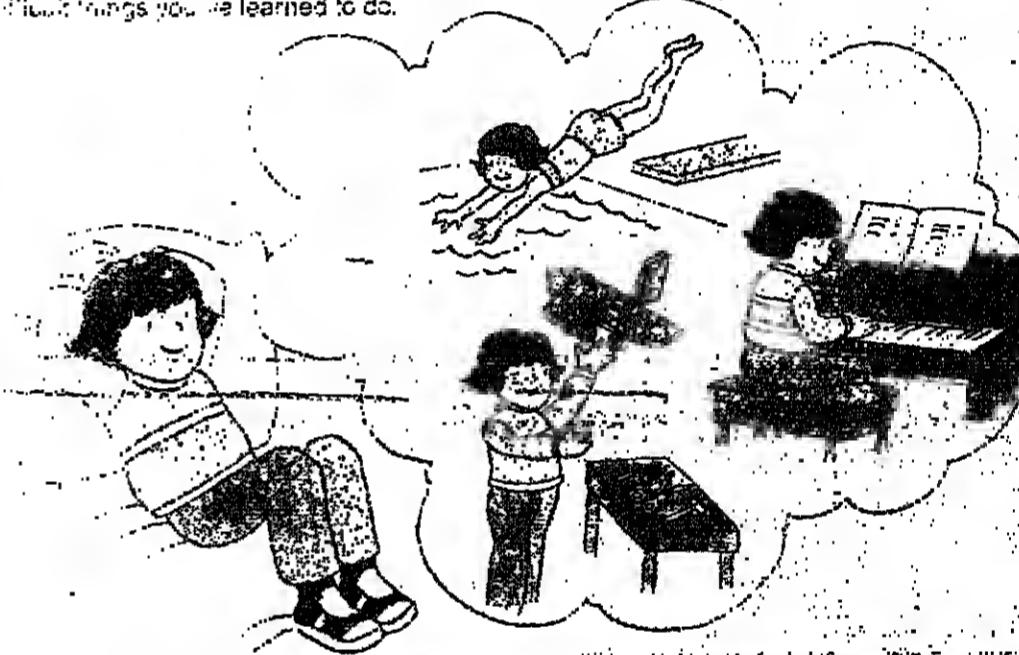
#### Text



### Questions you'd like to ask

#### What is self-confidence?

Self-confidence is the wonderful feeling of liking and believing in yourself in spite of things going wrong sometimes. You may lose your confidence occasionally, feeling that you can do nothing right. When that happens think about all the things you do well and all the difficult things you've learned to do.



### Bed time

I am not really tired  
But mum said, "off to bed!"

She lit my little candle  
To see my way ahead  
Up the little wooden stairs

I climb when it is dark  
I wish it was tomorrow  
We are going to the park.

By Dorothy Howell,  
U.K.

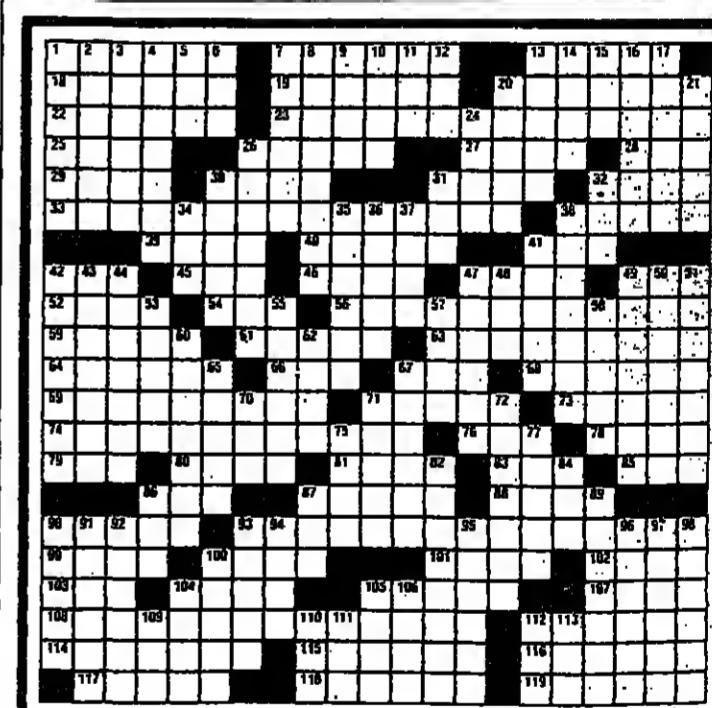
### WILLIAMS, WILLS & WILLIES

All the surnames in this puzzle have one thing in common; the first names are all Williams, Wills and Willies. Can you locate each and every one of them in the grid below?

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BOYD	HARRISON	POWELL	STARGELL
BRYAN	HEARST	PROXMIRE	TAFT
BUCKLEY	HOLDEN	ROGERS	TELL
CONRAD	INGE	SAROYAN	WESTMORELAND
DEMAREST	MAYS	SEWARD	WINDOM
FAULKNER	MCKINLEY	SHAKESPEARE	WORDSWORTH
FRAWLEY	NELSON	SHATNER	YEATS
FULBRIGHT	PENN	SHERMAN	



### Crossword



#### ACROSS

1 Indeterminate number  
2 Disregard  
3 Books  
18 Alps or Mori  
19 April  
20 Movie Day  
22 Appeared  
23 Book-movie  
25 Name of a sort  
26 Wash cycle  
27 — even/leel  
28 Nolwethory  
29 Shrub trees  
30 Dispatch  
31 Sacred bull  
32 Printing term  
33 Book-movie  
34 Name  
35 SL Philip —

40 Constellation  
41 Fodder  
42 Hawkshaw  
45 Conflict  
46 Small amounts  
47 Caves  
48 Icelon's eyes  
49 Languages  
50 element soft.  
51 Branch  
52 Bird  
53 Charolla's handwork  
55 Pumsatuvay  
56 Phil's debut  
59 —  
61 Cuttlefish spray  
63 Heavenly sight  
64 Kicked  
66 Howard of Term

67 Presidential nickname  
68 Re maticous towards  
69 Baubles and trinkets  
70 Fairground  
71 Fairground  
72 Agnew  
74 Chin. calendar date  
75 Time  
76 Drilling, Fr.  
78 Draft letters  
80 Polanski movie  
81 Andy's pal  
83 Charged  
84 Best, negative  
85 Lyndon beagle  
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88 Rudder support  
90 Grew dim

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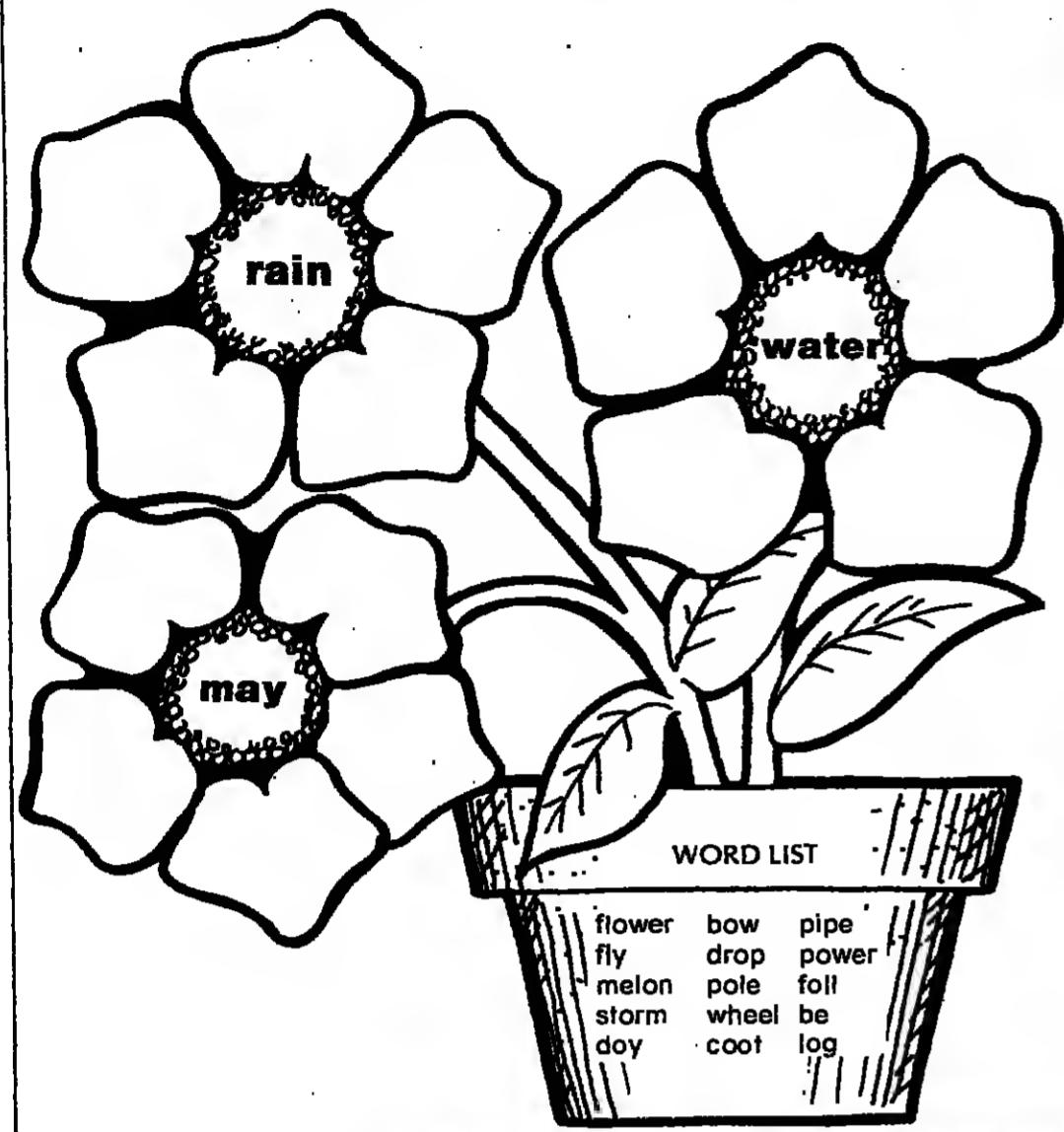
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2 Justice  
3 Like a sauna  
4 C.J.  
5 Compass d.  
6 London letter-head abbr.  
7 A. —  
8 Family circia member  
9 Voice votas  
10 Siouan  
11 S. —  
12 Officer  
13 Superlative suffix  
14 Indian princess  
15 — sand  
15 Resinous  
18 "The ape, vi- estebas.  
19 — us  
17 Disraeli  
20 Red leader

21 Make jubilant  
24 Afric. Indian  
25 Puts back to  
26 —  
30 Hat material  
31 Exclamations  
32 Secret agent  
33 Not many  
35 —  
36 Constellation  
37 Taylor for Jose  
38 Sesassas  
39 Drunks  
41 Cig. —  
42 Ir. —  
43 Repeat performances  
44 Circles of  
45 Time zone  
46 — letters  
49 Book issue  
50 — media  
51 Sigh not to behold  
53 Instrument of —  
55 Sleepers  
57 Shield knob  
58 Holds light  
60 Kicked  
62 —  
65 Purfolt  
67 Cleo's Mark  
70 Dark period(s)  
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87 Worldwide scientific period. abbr.  
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91 Last man in  
92 Scale sequence  
93 Stylish  
94 News police  
95 Hood's environs  
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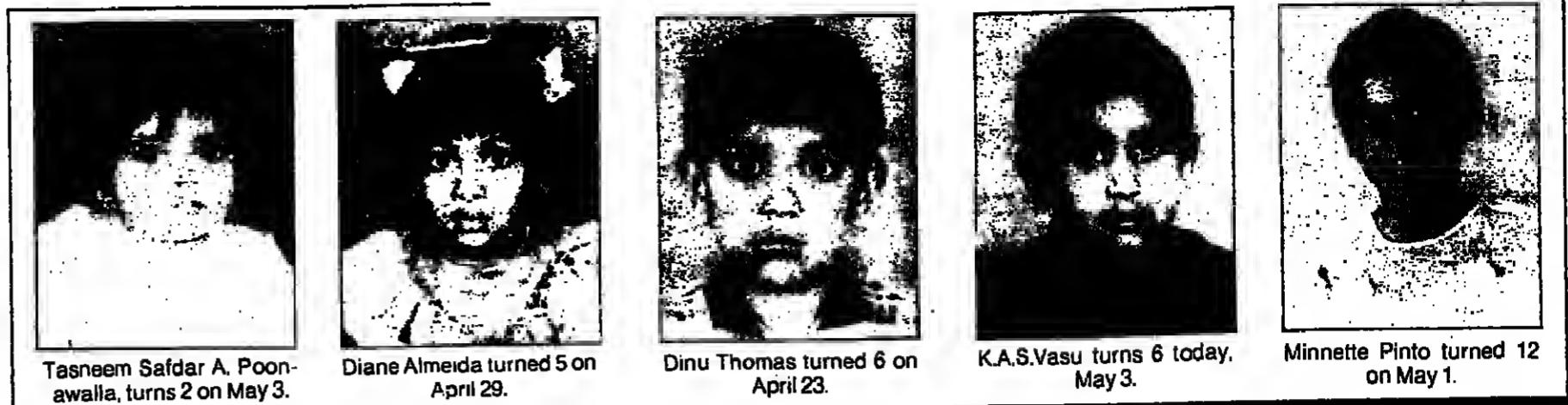
Joy Collected

## Compound Flowers

**Directions:** Choose words from the word pot to fill in the blanks in the flower petals. Put one word in each blank to form a compound word that begins with the word in the center of the flower.



## Happy birthday



## Did you know?

Iran was the first country to become independent in 529 BC.

The first silk was made in China 3,000 years ago.

In 1967 Albania became the first atheist state in the world when every church, mosque and other religious building was closed.

According to a special Danish law, the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen is permitted to be the first theatre to stage a foreign play.

When George III drove through the streets of London to open parliament for the first time, the mud was so deep that sticks and branches had to be placed underneath the wheels of his state carriage to keep it going.



## Some funny face ideas

## Make a beard

Cut a piece of card this shape and attach ear loops — either wool or elastic bands.

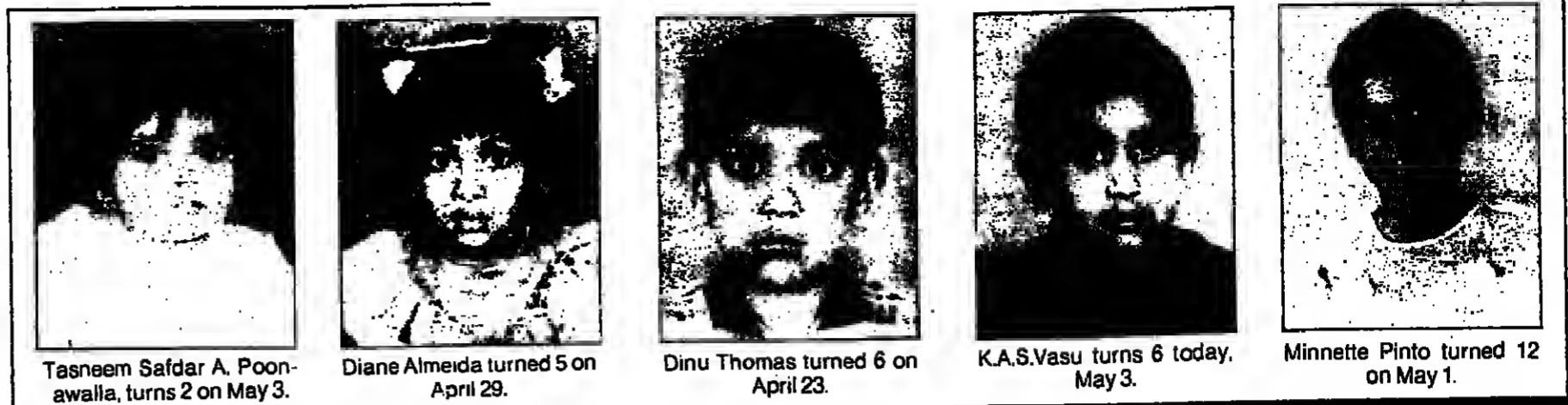
Stick on cotton wool or wool.

## Make some pretend hair

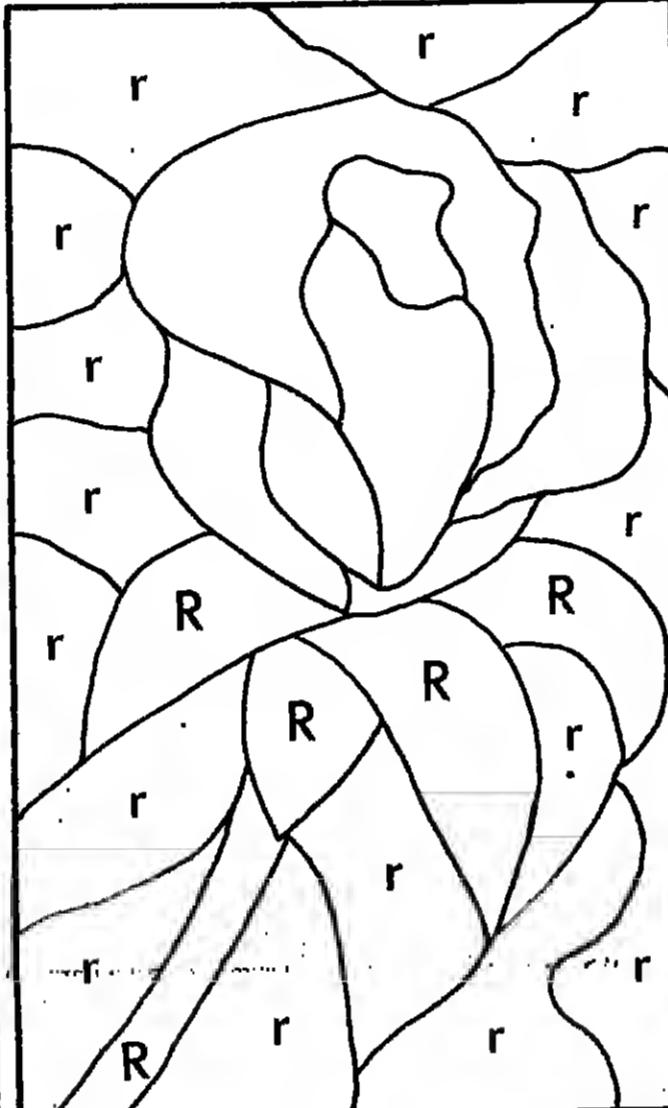
Make two plaits out of old washed tights.

Then tie the ends with bows and fasten the other ends to an old hat or beret.

## Happy birthday



Color the r spaces one color. Color the spaces with the capital R's another color. What do you see that begins with r?

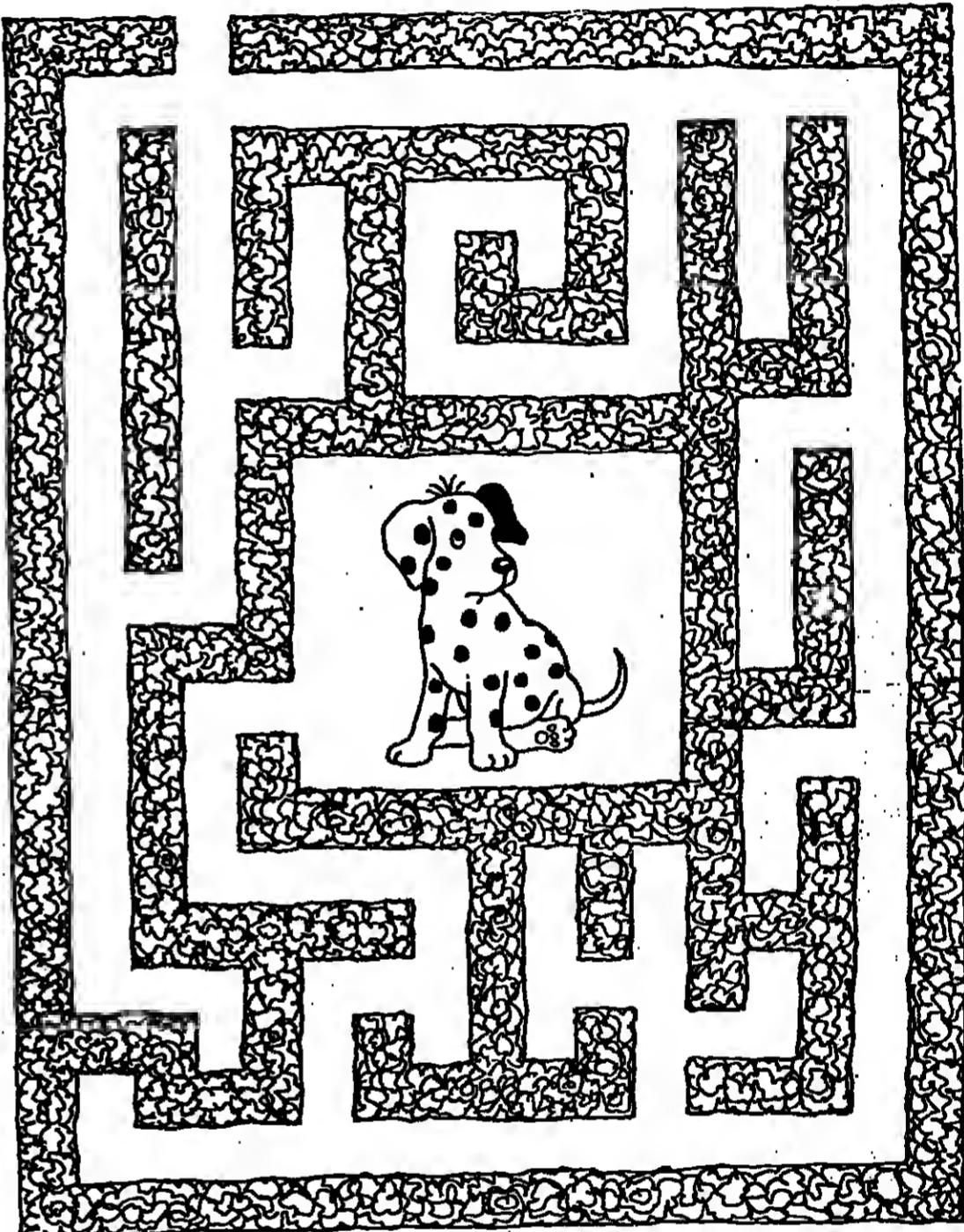


Write the missing letter.

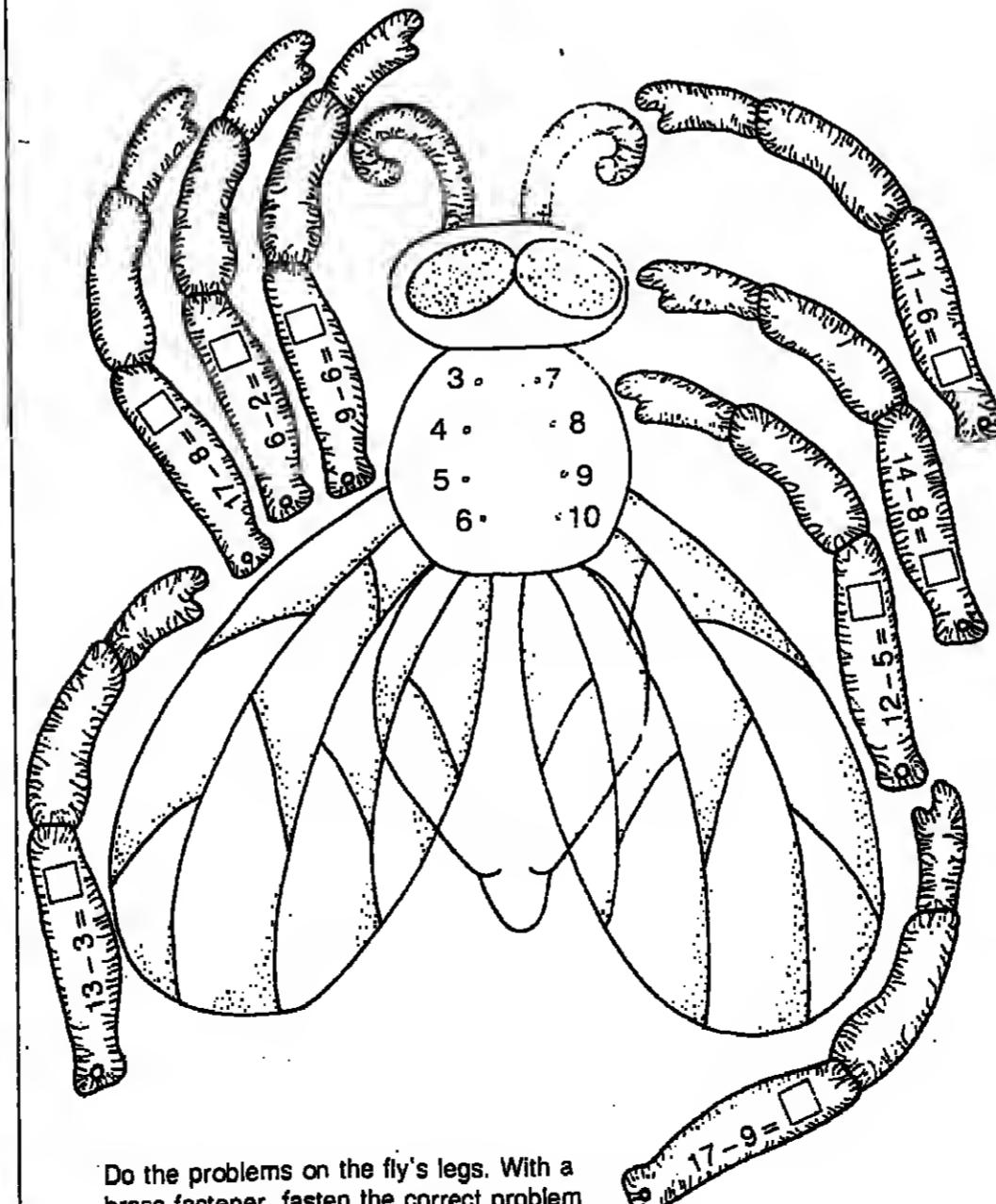
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## Help Found find Lost



## Fly



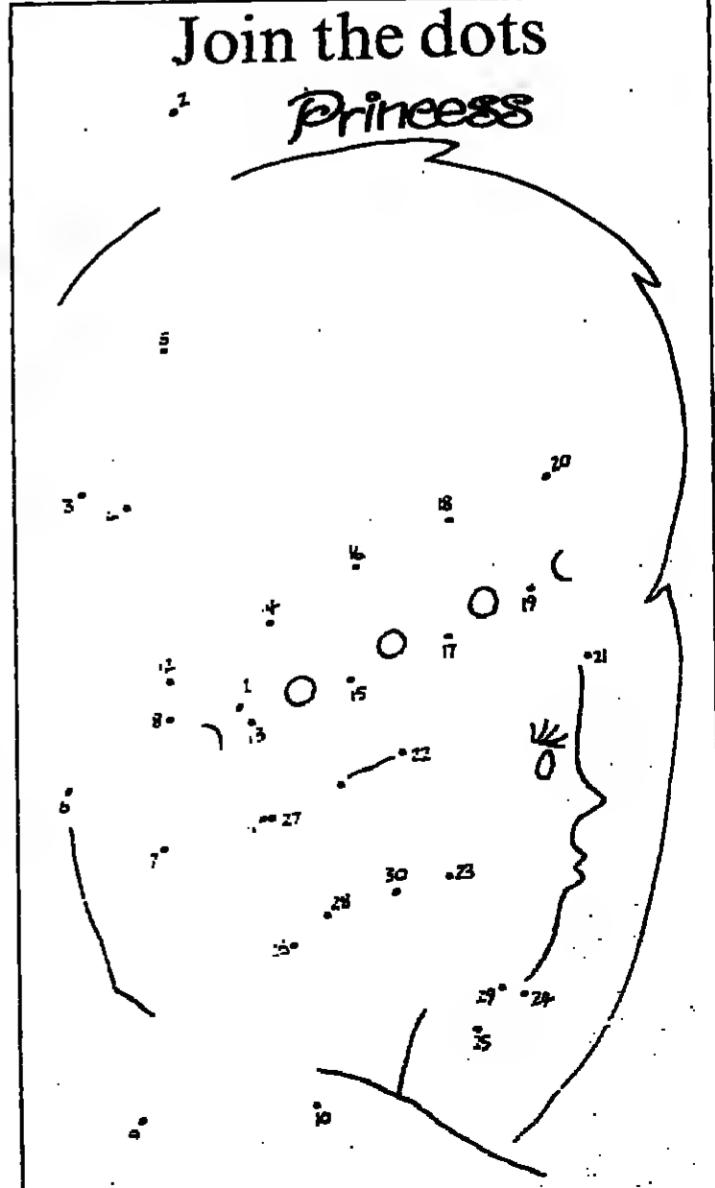
## Amazing facts

After Sir Walter Raleigh was executed in 1618, his widow had his head embalmed and carried it in a red leather bag wherever she went until her own death twenty-nine years later.

Only the mother can be charged with infanticide. Any other parties may be charged with murder.

## Join the dots

Princess





## Robertson surprise winner of European Open

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, May 2. (Reuter): Chris Robertson pulled off an unexpected triumph in the European Open Squash Championship when he beat fellow Australian Chris Dittmar 15-10 10-15 6-1 in the final yesterday.

Robertson had moved above Dittmar to number three in the world rankings issued yesterday, but Dittmar was a strong favorite to win here after a semifinal victory over Jahangir Khan, who last week won the British

Open for a record ninth time.

However, the effort needed to defeat Jahangir left Dittmar short of ammunition with which to counter the remarkable speed and tenacious retrieving that are the hallmarks of Robertson's game.

Dittmar stayed in contention for the first two games but Robertson dictated the match after that and completed his victory in 76 minutes.

Robertson had a huge slice of luck earlier in

the tournament when world champion Jan-  
scher Khan was removed from his path, the  
Pakistani suffering an upset defeat by Stuart  
Hanslone, a South Africa-born Scot ranked  
just 27 in the world.

"But this will be one of many tournaments  
where the Khans will not win," Robertson  
predicted.

Dittmar offered just excuses for his defeat. "I  
never felt in control and was well beaten," he  
said.

It was Robertson's first major title since he  
won the Malaysian Open in 1988. But he  
predicted there could be more to come.

"When you're outside the top four seeded  
positions you can't expect to win top events  
because it's physically too hard," he said.

"But once you're in the top four, you have a  
chance. I got into that position for the first  
time after the British Open and I have proved  
the point just one week later here in Karls-  
ruhe."

## Costa Rica announce Cup squad

SAN JOSE, May 2. (Reuter): Costa Rica yesterday named their 22-strong squad for the World Cup soccer finals, choosing a blend they hope will be good enough to reach the second round.

"I think it's a good blend of youth and experience and that we will make a good showing," Fabio Garnier, vice-president of the national soccer federation, told Reuters.

"The most we can hope for is to reach the second round."

Costa Rica face a tough task against Brazil, Sweden and Scotland in Group C in the first round.

But Bora Milutinovic, Costa Rica's Yugoslav-born coach, said he was very confident about his team's chances.

"We have a great advantage in this championship because we have nothing to lose, and everything to win," Milutinovic said. "We might have a very agreeable surprise in store for our fans."

Juan Arnoldo Cayasso, Oscar Ramirez and Heriberto Medford are expected to provide the goals, while veteran Roger Flores will Marshal the defense.

There is no place for veteran striker Evaristo Coronado, dropped by Milutinovic when he took over the squad in March.

The team will play their first game under Milutinovic, who guided Medico at the 1986 World Cup finals, at a four-team tournament in Chicago this weekend. Colombia, Poland and a Mexican club team provide the opposition.

After that, the squad travel to Europe to complete their preparation for the finals, which will be held in Italy in June and July.

## Liverpool beat Derby in last League match

LONDON, May 2. (Reuter): Kenny Dalglish spent 20 minutes in front of his adoring Liverpool fans doing what he likes best — playing for Liverpool — before his title-winners received the English League championship trophy yesterday.

Liverpool, who clinched the crown on Saturday, celebrated by beating Derby 1-0 after manager Dalglish came on as a substitute to roar of approval from the near-capacity crowd of more than 38,000.

Dalglish was on hand to see Gary Gillespie score the only goal in the 81st minute. England keeper Peter Shilton, having earlier shown dazzling form, could only parity Israeli striker Ronnie Rosenthal's close-range drive to Gillespie, who turned it into an empty net.

At the final whistle, captain Alan Hansen, one of several players ruled out by injury, received the League trophy and the traditional League championship trophy from Doug Ellis, a member of the League management committee, and ironically, chairman of runners-up Aston Villa.

### Results

#### English Division One

Liverpool	1 Derby	0
Blackburn	0 Sheffield U	0
Hull	4 Ipswich	3
Oldham	4 Oxford	1
Port Vale	1 Sunderland	2

#### English Division Three

Bolton	2 Huddersfield	2
Cardiff	3 Reading	2
Walsall	1 Rotherham	1
Aldershot	0 Hereford	2
Cambridge	2 Gillingham	1
Chesterfield	1 Scunthorpe	1
Wrexham	2 Burnley	1

### Nicklaus honoured

LONDON, May 2. (Reuter): The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews has made US golfer Jack Nicklaus an honorary member, the club announced today.

Nicklaus, 50, will join a group of seven other honorary members at the prestigious Scottish club, including Prince Philip, husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, and Arnold Palmer.

St Andrews said in a statement honorary membership is only ever offered to "Princes of the blood royal and distinguished persons who in the opinion of the committee have made a significant contribution to the game of golf."

## Cavaliers rout 76ers

# Rockets stop Lakers



Sleepy Floyd (left): scored 23 points for Rockets

HOUSTON, May 2. (AP): Sleepy Floyd scored 23 points and set a club playoff record with 18 assists as Houston Rockets broke the Los Angeles Lakers' 20-game first-round National Basketball Association playoff winning streak.

Houston led 2-1 in the best-of-5 series. The Lakers had not lost a game in the opening round since Houston beat them in 1981.

Floyd's basket with 22 seconds left broke a string of eight straight points by the Lakers that had cut Houston's lead to 111-108 with 46 seconds to play.

Otis Thorpe took the Rockets with 27 points. Thorpe took up the scoring and rebounding slack for Akeem Olajuwon, who picked up his fourth foul 26 seconds into the third quarter. Vernon Maxwell scored 26 points for Houston.

James Worthy led the Lakers with 26 points. Orlando Woolridge scored 18 and Magic Johnson added 17. Johnson was scoreless in the fourth quarter.

**Cavaliers 122, 76ers 95**  
Craig Ehlo scored 10 of his 16 third-quarter points during a 22-4 run that broke the game open as Cleveland stayed alive. Philadelphia won the first two games at home by a combined total of 11 points. The margin of victory was Cleveland's largest ever in a playoff game.

The Cavaliers let halftime leads get away in the first two games, but refused to fold in the third quarter this time. After the sixers trimmed a 13-point half-time deficit to nine early in the period, Charles Barkley fouled Brad Daugherty and was whistled for a technical when he argued the call.

That fired up the Cavaliers, who scored 22 of the next 26 points to turn the game into a laughter. The run put them ahead 83-56, and they widened the gap to as many as 35 in the fourth quarter.

Barkley left the game with 4:42 to go in the third period with 17 points after averaging 35 in the first two games.

Filo led Cleveland with 25 points and had 10 rebounds and nine assists.

**Bucks 119, Bulls 112**

Alvin Robertson scored 38 points and Fred Roberts, Brad Lohaus and Jack Sikma hit key baskets in the stretch as Milwaukee avoided a

second-round upset.

The Bucks, getting 48 points from Michael Jordan, lead the series 2-1.

Chicago, which had beaten Milwaukee in 19 of the previous 21 meetings, had an eight-point lead with 6:43 to go after Jordan sparked a 16-3 run to start the fourth quarter.

But Robertson's career playoff high, Roberts' 23 points and a big 3-pointer by Sikma with 25 seconds left were too much for Chicago to handle.

Scottie Pippen added 21 points for the Bucks.

### Results

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(Bucks lead best-of-five series 2-1)

**Cleveland Cavaliers 122 Philadelphia 76ers 95**

(76ers lead best-of-five series 2-1)

**Detroit Pistons 104 Atlanta Hawks 96**

(Pistons win best-of-five series 3-0)

**Houston Rockets 114 Los Angeles Lakers 108**

(Lakers lead best-of-five series 2-1)

**Portland Trailblazers 106 Dallas Mavericks 92**

(Blazers win best-of-five series 3-0)

**San Antonio Spurs 131 Denver Nuggets 128**

(Spurs win best-of-five series 3-0)

**Seattle SuperSonics 102 Milwaukee Bucks 96**

(Sonics win best-of-five series 3-2)

**Philadelphia 76ers 112 Boston Celtics 105**

(76ers win best-of-five series 3-2)

**Los Angeles Lakers 108 Cleveland Cavaliers 105**

(Lakers win best-of-five series 3-2)

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## Bridge

RESULTS: 1st Inter-Bahrain Cupbridge Tournament  
12th week played on Sunday  
1v. S  
1 Adm. Tab & Sherrif Basgumi  
2 Dania Maynard & Adel Basgumi  
3 Nafisa Al-Asker & Katerina Shah  
4v. S  
1 Druibha Mulrone & Shaker Radd  
2 Iezidin & Ahmed Ahmed  
3 Shehri Jafar & Anil Saber  
RESULTS of the Merzah Ladies Bridge Club  
1 Nafisa Al-Asker & Lollo Murtawa  
2 Greta Charchouva & Elanne Kervala  
3 Margaret Maynard & Jane Jackson  
RESULTS of The Regency Ladies Bridge Club  
game played on April 25  
1 Nafisa Al-Asker & Lollo Murtawa  
2 Margaret Maynard & Jane Jackson  
3 Nafisa Al-Asker & Suneethan Goka  
RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge game  
played yesterday  
1 Nafisa Al-Asker & Gholam Mikail  
2 Nafisa Al-Asker & Suneethan Goka  
3 Greta Charchouva & Elanne Kervala  
RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game  
played on Tuesday  
1v. S  
1 Tab & Iezidin  
2 Nafisa Al-Asker & Lollo Murtawa  
3 Muhammed & Vardach  
Best mixed pair: Blanca Mousaz & Ahmed  
Tab & Iezidin  
EW  
1 Carsten & Gajah  
2 Shar & Al-Asker  
3 Blanca & Tumal  
Amaranth bridge game will be held tomorrow  
at the Sheraton Hotel at 3:00 pm

# O'Donnell hits 50 in 18 deliveries

## Aussies crush Lankans

## Scoreboard

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, May 2. (Reuter): All-rounder Simon O'Donnell lashed the fastest half century in one-day cricket internationals as Australia crushed Sri Lanka by 114 runs to reach the Australasia Cup final today.

O'Donnell reached his 50 in 18 deliveries with the help of four sixes and two fours and finished with 74 off 29 balls as Australia made 332 for three in their overs — their highest one-day score.

Australia completed the semifinal victory by dismissing Sri Lanka for 218 in 45.4 overs, and play Pakistan in the final on Friday for a prize of \$30,000.

O'Donnell, who hit a total of six sixes and four fours, beat the previous fastest for a half century — off 21 balls — which was shared by New Zealand's Lance Cairns, against Australia in the 1982-83

season, and Salim Malik for Pakistan against India in 1987.

O'Donnell's onslaught began after Dean Jones, who scored a superb, unbeaten 117, and Geoff Marsh (68) softened up a moderate Sri Lankan attack by putting on 137 for the second wicket stand.

Jones became the first Australian to score a century at Sharjah, hitting seven fours and a six in his innings of 123 deliveries.

Off-spinner Ranjit Madurasinghe was the pick of the Sri Lankan bowlers, conceding only 32 runs from 10 overs.

Peter Taylor, Australia's off-spinner, had the best figures for his side, taking two for 28 in 10 overs to help undermine the middle order with captain Allan Border, whose left-arm spin brought him two for 42.

Anuranga Gurusingha did not bat after twisting an ankle while fielding, and was taken to hospital for an X-ray.

## AUSTRALIA

M. Taylor st. Kuruppu b Madurasinghe..... 27  
G. Marsh c Kuruppu b Ravi Ratnayake..... 68

D. Jones not out..... 117  
S. O'Donnell b Ramanayake..... 74

D. Boon not out..... 30

Extras (b-5 lb-w-S)..... 16

Total (for three wickets, 50 overs)..... 332

Did not bat: A. Border, S. Waugh, I. Healy, T. Alderman, P. Taylor, C. Rackemann.

Fall of wickets: 1-35 2-178 3-278  
Bowling: Ravi Ratnayake 10-0-70-2  
1. Rumesh Ratnayake 10-0-55-0 (w-2)  
2. Ranjit Madurasinghe 10-0-32-1  
Ramanayake 10-0-82-1 (w-2), Asoka de Silva 5-0-34-0 (w-1), Gurusingha 5-0-48-0.

SRI LANKA  
Athula Samarasekera lbw Alderman..... 25

Fall of wickets: 1-25 2-43-3-77 4-124  
5-135 6-151 7-174 8-206 9-218

Bowling: Alderman 7-0-35-2, Rackemann 10-0-51-0, Taylor 1-28-2, O'Donnell 5-0-4-19-1, Waugh 7-0-36-1, Border 6-0-42-2.

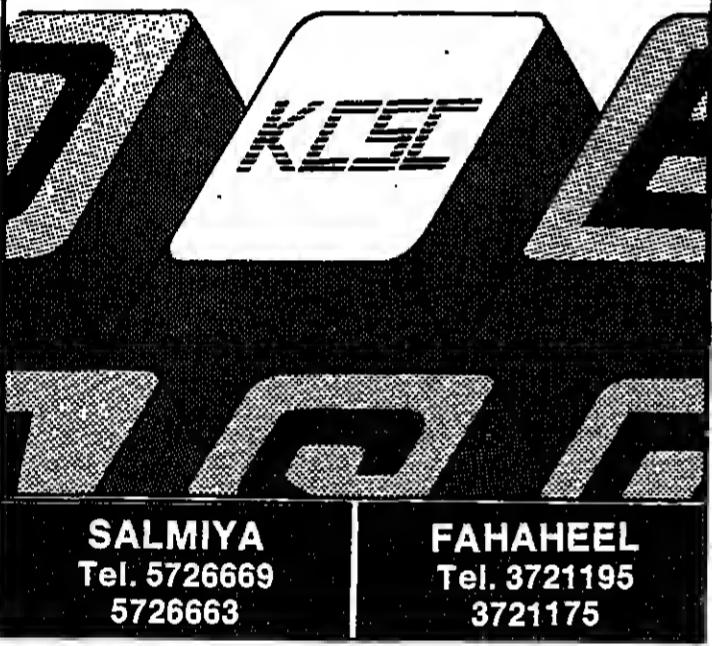
Australia won by 114 runs and meet Pakistan in the final on Friday.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Wialander doubtful

STOCKHOLM, May 2. (Reuter): Former world number one Mats Wialander, who has been taking a break from the tennis circuit since early March, said today he would probably not play the French Open and was doubtful for Wimbledon.

## Socials merge

RECENTLY crowned winners of the Shuwaikh Champions Trophy, Socials, have formally merged with the well-established sports and cultural club YMCA. The merger is due to start on 12.5.90.

proposal was approved and confirmed at the annual general body meeting of the Social Cricket Club. The new-look YMCA side will play their first match in the EPL Summer League (GCL) tournament tomorrow against Trishul Cricket Club.

## Antwerp appeal

BRUSSELS, May 2. (Reuter): Antwerp said today they had appealed against a 15-month ban imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA) on midfielder Patrick Schrooten for drug taking.

## Baseball games

NEW YORK, May 2. (Reuter): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

American League  
Oakland 4 NY Yankees 3  
California 7 Baltimore 2  
Boston 8 Seattle 3  
Toronto 4 Cleveland 3  
Minnesota 9 Detroit 5  
Chicago WS 5 Milwaukee 6  
Milwaukee 6 Kansas City 4  
National League  
Philadelphia 4 Cincinnati 2  
Atlanta 5 NY Mets 2  
Montreal 2 Houston 1  
St Louis 2 San Diego 3  
Los Angeles 4 Pittsburgh 1  
Chicago Cubs 7 San Francisco 4

## Dutch striker

ROTTERDAM, Holland, May 2. (UPI): Dutch striker John van Loen, 25, of First Division Roda JC, is negotiating with Spain's Athletico Madrid to transfer there next season. Roda's coach Jan Reker said yesterday.

## W. German soccer

BONN, May 2. (UPI): After a three-year absence, West Berlin will have a team in the West German soccer First Division next season, after Hertha BSC Berlin won promotion with a 1-1 draw against Aachen yesterday.

## Soviets triumph

BERN, Switzerland, May 2. (AP): The Soviet Union successfully defended its title at the World Hockey Championships today with a 5-0 rout of Czechoslovakia. Valeri Kamenski's two goals led the scoring.

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## Colts rout Hubara to retain title

LANKA COLTS retained the Trico Trophy for yet another year by defeating Hubara by a margin of 175 runs earlier this week, thus bringing to an end a highly successful debut season at Ahmad.

Batting first, the Colts amassed a mammoth 392 for 7 wickets in 40 overs, with the consistent and talented opener Nalaka blasting his way to a scintillating and stylish 156, comprising of 19 fours and 6 sixes in just 24 overs. In the process Nalaka also accumulated 1,000 runs for the season, a feat he could well be proud of.

The Colts' first wicket fell at 89, when the elegant Ramanayake was bowled by the Hubara skipper Shipton, for an exciting 48 which contained 9 boundaries. Useful contributions from Hirani, Chris, Senaka, Lal, Roville and Rohan plus an entertaining partnership between Solomon and Oliver, the highlight of which was a lofted on drive for 6 by a young looking Oliver, enabled the Colts to set Hubara an imposing target of almost 10 runs per over in this 40 over game.

Chris Haseman with 3 for 48 off 7 overs and Craig Shipton with 2 for 7 off 8 overs were the main wicket-takers for Hubara. However, the bowling honours without any doubt went to young Mark Haseman, who in his debut for Hubara at Ahmad bowled a tidy line and length of left arm spin to end up as the most economical bowler. Mark's nippy out-fielding too drew applause from a holiday crowd that added a touch of colour to this closing game of the season at Ahmad.

The Hubara innings of 218 for 40 in 40 overs was built upon by a superb, chancery, elegant unbeaten 138 by their flamboyant skipper Craig Shipton, who in his last game in Kuwait after many seasons with Hubara



Lanka Colts skipper Roville (left) receives the trophy from Kannangara.



Shipton (right) and Nalaka (left) receive their trophies from Kannangara.

day Roville Goonasekera, 5 Don Jayantha Kannangara, th MD of Trico Kuwait, who also nominated Nalaka and Craig a Meo of the Match for their enterained batting.

With a touch of sadness both teams had to say farewell to Craig Shipton and Neil Jacobs, who was also playing his last game in Kuwait for Hubara.

The Trico Trophy was presented to the winning skipper of the

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